

Pleasant Valley Weekly

I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (Psalm 138 : 2)

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I will...

What does it mean *to will to do something*? The word *will* is more powerful than one may imagine. By stating that you will do something you enter into a contract, per se, and are obliged to do what you said you would do.

Will is a fixed and persistent intent or purpose, or another way to put it, it is determined by choice. But the best way to understand it is to purpose or determine your actions and then follow through.

What does it mean when you say, “I will...” Are you not committing yourself to those around you that you are going to do something? In the same breath when you say, “I will not...” you commit yourself in not doing something.

This morning we consider seven *I will* statements made by the psalmist David. What did David say he would be doing? But more importantly for us, why did he say he would be doing it? I believe when we have a cause, conviction, or reason to do something—a Why, then we do what we say we will do.

As we have studied previously, we need to be careful what we say. As Jesus put it, your Yes means Yes and your No means No. Before you say, “I will...” ensure you are truly willing. Each of us should be able to agree with the seven statements by David, and agree that we also WILL.

I Will...

- * Praise the Lord—Psalm 7 : 17

Why? His righteousness and holiness

So—He is deserving of praise.

- * Sing to the Lord—Psalm 13 : 6

Why? He has done so much for us.

So—He is deserving of song.

- * Bless the Lord—Psalm 16 : 7

Why? He gives us counsel

So—He is deserving of our blessings

- * Call upon the Lord—Psalm 18 : 3

Why? He has saved us from *the enemy*

So—We will cry out for help from Him.

- * Remember the words of the Lord—Psalm 77 : 11—15

Why? He has done wonders and redeemed us.

So—We will not take lightly what He did.

- * Walk before the Lord—Psalm 116 : 8—9

Why? He has delivered us from death.

So—We will follow in His footsteps

- * Pay my vows to the Lord—Psalm 116 : 14—15

Why? It is precious (valuable) to Him if we are faithful.

So—We will keep our commitment we've made.
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