Understanding the Will of God

“But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves…” – Luke 7:30
God’s will is difficult to understand

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! “For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?” (Rom. 11:33-34)

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Tim. 2:3-4)
Common opinions when dealing with God’s will

God enters every aspect of our lives

God does not enter any aspect of my life

God sees every aspect of my life and sometimes enters it
Truths regarding God’s will:
1. God enters your life only as much as you permit

• “Open for me, my sister, my love, My dove, my perfect one...” (SS 5:2)

• “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” (Rev. 3:20)
Truths regarding God’s will:

2. God warns us of sin but is not responsible for our choices

• “...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live...” (Deut. 30:19)

• EX: Cain

• So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.” (Gen. 4:6-7)
Truths regarding God’s will:
3. At times God will intervene for our salvation

• EX: St. Paul
• God will reach anyone who is concerned with his/her salvation
• God knows exactly when to intervene and when not to
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