

Both the **King James Bible** and the **Ethiopian Orthodox 81-Book Canon** (*Metsehafe Qeddus*) record the distinction between the **Perfect Will of God** and the **Permissive Will of God**. While the exact term "permissive" is a theological classification, the concept is explicitly woven through the narratives, laws, and apostolic letters in both canons.

1. Scripture References for Both Wills

A. The Perfect Will of the King

The Perfect Will represents the Creator's original, uncompromised, and holy design for creation.

- **Romans 12:2 (KJV):** *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and **perfect**, will of God."*
- **1 Enoch 41:8 (Ethiopian Canon):** *"For the Lord of Spirits knows all things, and His eyes behold all things... His judgment is according to His righteousness and His wisdom, which changes not."*
- **Matthew 6:10 (KJV):** *"Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**"*

B. The Permissive Will of the King

The Permissive Will occurs when God, honoring human free agency, **allows** human beings to pursue their own fleshly desires or stiff-necked demands, even though it departs from His ideal design.

- **Psalms 106:15 (KJV):** *"And **he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.**"*
- **1 Samuel 8:7, 22 (KJV):** When Israel demanded an earthly king like the pagan nations, God told Samuel: *"Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king..."*—even though God's perfect will was to be their direct Sovereign.
- **Book of Jubilees 1:11–14 (Ethiopian Canon):** God reveals to Moses that He will permit Israel to wander into self-chosen idolatry and foreign calendars for a season, allowing them to eat the bitter fruit of their self-will before restoring them.

Definition	God's ultimate desire and blueprint for peace, alignment, and life.	God permitting human self-will/rebellion to play out without immediate execution of judgment.
Origin	Emanates directly from the Father's holiness and eternal wisdom.	Triggered by human insistence, hardness of heart, or Satanic testing (Job 1:12).
Fruits on Earth	Life, spiritual authority, protection, inner peace, and divine order.	"Leanness of soul," trial, sorrow, unexpected consequences, and spiritual friction.

2. Comparison: Perfect Will vs. Permissive Will

Attribute	The Perfect Will of the King	The Permissive Will of the King
Example in Scripture	Eden; Jesus in Gethsemane (<i>"Thy will be done"</i>); The Promised Land.	Israel demanding King Saul; Israel wandering 40 years in the desert (Hebrews 3).

3. How They Apply to Humans on Earth

1. **The Test of Free Will:** God does not operate as a tyrant who forces compliance. His permissive will is the space where human free agency is tested. When humans insist on their own way, God often steps back and says, *"Have it your way,"* allowing us to experience the natural consequences of self-rule.
2. **Consequences & Chastisement:** Operating in the permissive will always brings "leanness to the soul" (**Psalms 106:15**). You may get the physical object or status you cried for, but it comes accompanied by grief, warfare, or spiritual decay because it lacked God's perfect endorsement.
3. **Redemptive Overruling:** Because God is sovereign, He can take what He *permitted* through human error and weave it back into His ultimate cosmic timeline (**Genesis 50:20**: *"Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good"*).

4. What Makes Them Fundamentally Different?

The core difference lies in **Divine Approval versus Divine Allowance**:

- **In the Perfect Will:** God provides both the **command** and the **supernatural backing/anointing** to fulfill it. There is zero guilt, zero spiritual loss, and complete heavenly backing.
- **In the Permissive Will:** God grants **allowance** (tolerance) without moral approval. He steps out of the way of your free choice, but leaves you to deal with the heavy burdens and consequences that choice produces.

To walk out the end-time timeline safely under the Holy Spirit, the goal of every believer is to transition *out* of operating in God's permissive will (settling for self-will) and surrender fully into His **good, acceptable, and perfect will (Romans 12:2)**.