



## DECIDING AND DECREERING GODS WILL FOR YOUR LIFE

*"You will also decide and decree a thing, and it will be established for you; And the light [of God's favor] will shine upon your ways. Job 22:28*

The words we speak are powerful. The power of life or death are in the tongue. *The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. (Proverbs 18:21)*

Jesus said on judgement day we will have to give an account for every idle word we've spoken. Some scripture versions say careless or empty words spoken. Idle means without purpose or effect. Idle talk can also be explained as meaningless. It holds no purpose and is pointless.

*And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you." Matthew 12:36-37*

Too often we wonder why we are deciding and decreeing our desires and they are not being established for us. God is not a man that he should lie so why aren't we seeing God's promises fulfilled in our lives. Let's look at the verses in Job 22:21-30.

*"Now yield and submit yourself to Him [agree with God and be conformed to His will] and be at peace;*

*In this way [you will prosper and great] good will come to you.*

*"Please receive the law and instruction from His mouth*

*And establish His words in your heart and keep them.*

*"If you return to the Almighty [and submit and humble yourself before Him], you will be built up [and restored];*

*If you remove unrighteousness far from your tents,*

*And place your gold in the dust,*

*And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks [considering it of little value],*

*And make the Almighty your gold*

*And your precious silver,*

*Then you will have delight in the Almighty,*

*And you will lift up your face to God.*

*"You will pray to Him, and He will hear you,*

*And you will pay your vows.*

*"You will also decide and decree a thing, and it will be established for you;*

*And the light [of God's favor] will shine upon your ways.*

*"When you are cast down and humbled, you will speak with confidence,*

*And the humble person He will lift up and save.*

*"He will even rescue the one [for whom you intercede] who is not innocent;*

*And he will be rescued through the cleanness of your hands."*

Job 22 gives us insight into why the things we decide and decree will be established for us by God.

- You have submitted yourself to God and humbled yourself before Him. You have laid down your own desires and sought God's will for your life over your own.
- You have stored his instructions (the Word) in your heart and kept them. You have been obedient to do what the Holy Spirit tells you.
- You have removed unrighteousness far from your tents. Some biblical versions say remove evil or injustice from your dwelling or household. This tells us that tents represent your own personal life and household. How do you treat your body, the temple of God? Who do you choose to dwell with and befriend? What places do you frequently visit? What activities do you choose to participate in? Are these people, places and activities pleasing to God? Have you made Jesus the Lord of your life or have you chosen to place other things before God, especially those things that are not pleasing to Him. Verse 23 states **if you remove unrighteousness** far from your tents. This tells us we all have a personal responsibility to remove things that are not pleasing or honourable to God. We have a choice.
- You do not seek worldly possessions or wealth over God. The Word of God tells us we cannot serve two masters. The choice is clear. God or money.  
*"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Luke 16:13*  
 The Word also tells us that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Be careful you are not seeking wealth over God. There are many scriptures about keeping our lives free from the love of money. One is in 1 Timothy 6:10 - *For the love of money [that is, the greedy desire for it and the willingness to gain it unethically] is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves [through and through] with many sorrows.*
- You have delighted yourself in God. This means you have come to know the Lord not just as your personal Saviour and Lord of your life but also as your friend. Your delight (pleasure, enjoyment, satisfaction) in life is to know the Lord, spend time with him and seek to do His will over your own. There are many ways you can delight yourself in the Lord. Through worship, prayer, reading the Bible and fellowshiping with Him in the secret place, just you and Him, for he longs to spend time with you as a Father does with His beloved child.  
*You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other. (John 15.14:17)*

As we submit ourselves to God and delight ourselves in Him, as we choose His ways over our ways and remove unrighteousness from our tents, Gods will for our lives becomes our will. We become one with Jesus Christ through His Holy Spirit. Then we shall decide and decree a thing (His promises and plans for our life according to the Word of God and the Holy Spirit who lives in us) and it shall be established for us.

*But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. 1 Corinthians 6.17*

The light will shine upon our ways because God's ways have become our ways. The truth of the scripture it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me will become your reality.

*I have been crucified with Christ [that is, in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body I live by faith [by adhering to, relying on, and completely trusting] in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Galatians 2.20*