**The Will of God NOTES**

Martin Luther has said, “Your thoughts of God are too human.”

A.W. Pink, a reformed English Bible teach, said, “We too….prefer the same charge against the majority of the preachers of our day, and against those who, instead of searching the Scriptures for themselves, lazily accept the teaching of others.

The most dishonoring and degrading conceptions of the rule and reign of the Almighty are now held almost everywhere.”

To countless thousands, even among those professing to be Christians, the God of the Scriptures is **quite unknown.**

A.W. Pink continues, “Of old, God complained to an apostate Israel, “Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself” (Psa 50:21)

**Psalms 50:21 ESV**

These things you have done, and I have been silent;

**you thought that I was one like yourself**

But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

Such must now be His indictment against an apostate Christendom.

Men imagine that the Most High is moved by sentiment, rather than *activated* by principle.

They suppose that His omnipotence is such an idle fiction that Satan is thwarting His designs on every side.

They think that if He has formed any plan or purpose at all, then it must be like theirs, constantly subject to change.

They openly declare that whatever power He possesses must be restricted, lest He invade the citadel of man’s “free will” and reduce him to a “machine.”

They lower the all-efficacious atonement, which has actually redeemed everyone for whom it was made, to a mere “remedy,” which sin-sick souls may use if they feel disposed to *thereby weakening* the invincible work of the Holy Spirit to an “offer” of the Gospel which sinners may accept or reject as they please.

The “god” of this twentieth century no more resembles the Supreme Sovereign of Holy Writ than does the dim flickering of a candle the glory of the midday sun.

The “god” who is now talked about in the average pulpit, spoken of in the ordinary Sunday School, mentioned in much of the religious literature of the day, and preached in most of the so-

*called* Bible Conferences is the figment of human imagination, an invention of maudlin sentimentality.

The heathen outside of the pale of Christendom form “gods” out of wood and stone, while the millions of heathen inside Christendom manufacture a “god” out of their own carnal mind.

In reality, they are but atheists, for there is no other possible alternative between an absolutely supreme God, and no God at all.

A “god” whose will is resisted, whose designs are frustrated, whose purpose is checkmated, possesses no title to Deity, and so far from being a fit object of worship, merits naught but contempt.

We really don’t know what it means that God is holy!

That is so **foreign** to our experience… so **alien** to our own existence…that we have almost no **GRASP** whatsoever about the character and nature of God!!!

In fact, we are so baffled by God’s holiness, that more often than not, we find it**offensive**!!!!

We must understand that **first and foremost** GOD IS **HOLY**.

I believe it is **impossible to understand**the **FULLNESS** of GOD’S holiness, but we need to understand as much as is **humanly possible** according to what the Word teaches us.

*Synonym the following bold words*

The absence of a **clear understanding** of **God's holiness** is the reason for our **shallow [**superficial, trivial, petty, small-minded, one-dimensional, silly**] living,**

it is the reason for our **impotent [**powerless, weak, helpless**] living**,

it is the reason for our **[**selfish self-centered self-seeking self-interested egotistical**] living,**

it is the reason for our **weak [**ineffectual, ineffective, feeble, inadequate, cowardly spineless fainthearted**] living,**

it is the reason for our **living a** **life of** **disobedience** [defiance, noncompliance, insubordination, wayward] and it is the reason for our**living a life of compromise [**find the middle ground, give and take, cooperate, bargain, meet halfway, concede**]**

That's why we go about our day with a **matter-of-fact** (unemotional, no big deal) attitude towards our sin.