

God's "I Will's"

Isa. 14:12-14 – Lucifer fell because of 5 evil "I will's": "I will ascend into heaven ... I will exalt my throne above the stars of God ... I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north ... I will ascend above the heights of the clouds ... I will be like the most High."

Pharaoh also had 5 evil "I will's" in Ex. 15:9 - "The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them."

Modern man has the same desires as Satan and as Pharaoh - to be exalted to the place of God, to sit in places that are not his proper place, to receive the worship and adulation of men, to persecute and destroy the righteous, to be like God. Unfortunately, they do NOT really want to be like Him (pure and holy), they only want to have His position and power to continue being like themselves, but without limits.

In contrast, here are some of God's "I will's" for us, in Ps. 91:14-16 - "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore **will I deliver him: I will set him on high**, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and **I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation**"

Notice that the "I will's" of Lucifer and Pharaoh are all of self-exaltation and opposition to God, where those of God are to be a savior and deliverer to his people.

Here are just a few more of God's "I will's":

1. He will be our God, and we will be his people

Ex. 29:45 – "And **I will dwell among** the children of Israel, and **will be their God.**"

2 Cor. 6:16 – "... ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God**, and they shall be my people."

2. He will make a new covenant of a clean and living heart

Jer. 31:31-34 – "**I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel ... **I will put my law in their inward parts; and will be their God**, and they shall be my people. ... **I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**"

Ezek. 36:24-29 expands on the above:

- **For I will take you from among the heathen...** bring you into your own land.
- Then **will I sprinkle clean water upon you**, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, **will I cleanse you.**
- **A new heart also will I give you, and**
- **A new spirit will I put within you: and**
- **I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and**
- **I will give you an heart of flesh. And**
- **I will put my spirit within you, and**
- **(I will) cause you to walk in my statutes and**
- **I will be your God.**
- **I will also save you from all your uncleannesses**

And what are some of the blessings of this new covenant relationship?

3. Deliverance from the destroyer

Ex. 12:13 – “... when I see the blood, **I will pass over you**, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.” 12:23 – “...when he seeth the blood ... the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.” (1 Cor. 5:7 – Christ is our Passover, sacrificed for us)

4. Physical healing

Ex. 15:25-26 – “... **I will put none of these diseases upon thee**, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.”

Ps. 103:3 – “Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who **healeth all thy diseases.**”

Mt. 8:2-3 – “...saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, **I will – be thou clean.** And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”

5. Spiritual refreshment

Isa. 44:2-3 – “**I will pour water upon him that is thirsty**, and floods upon the dry ground: **I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring.**”

Jn. 4:14 – the water that Jesus gives is a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Jn. 5:33-37 – he that believeth on me shall never thirst ... him that cometh to me **I will in no wise cast out.**

6. Ongoing forgiveness, with divine correction and chastening

Mic. 7:18-19 – “... retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, **he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.**”

Jer. 30:17-18 – “For **I will restore health unto thee**, and **I will heal thee of thy wounds**, saith the Lord.” This speaks of the Jewish nation being chastened by God (see v. 11-15). As God’s people who receive correction from God, we also can take comfort from this promise. “**I will bring again the captivity** of Jacob’s tents, ...”

Hos. 14:4 – “**I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely**: for mine anger is turned away from him.”

7. Answered prayers

Jer. 33:3 – “Call unto me, and **I will answer thee**, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

Jas. 1:5 – “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God ... it shall be given him.”

Jn. 14:12-14 – “If ye shall ask anything in my name, **I will do it.**”

8. Resurrection

Hos.13:14 – “**I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death**: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction”

9. An everlasting home with God in his presence

Jn. 14:1-3 – “And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself**; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

Jn. 17:24 – “Father, **I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am**; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me ...”

Our desire **should** be to be like God, but that means to be like Him in purity, righteousness, and mercy, not in taking his position.