

## What Will We Allow God To Make Of Us?

### Introduction

A. Text –Ex.14:13-31

B. **What a ghastly sight** – dead bodies everywhere

1. What happens when one refuses to allow God use them as He wants
2. Tremendous opportunity – raised for purpose of displaying God’s power
3. Could have been different – he chose to resist

C. Rom.9:14-21 – Paul defends God’s right to utilize man for His purposes

1. **Right to use a person wherever He sees fit** – honor or dishonor
2. **Some read into this predestination** – as if man has no choice in destiny
  - \* **Problem** – Scripture is clear - man does have a choice
  - \* **Pharaoh** – would have been evil, stubborn etc whatever did in life
  - \* **Pharaoh hardened own heart first – his nature**

C. **Want us to ponder – what will we allow God to make of us?**

1. **God’s intentions** toward all
2. What **must develop**
3. **What hinders** His purposes

D. Pray

### I. God’s Intentions – Our Good

A. **Our salvation** – 1 Tim.2:1-3 – wants **all** saved

1. Jn.3:16 – so loved **world** = gave Son
2. Mt.11:28 – come – **all** that are weary

B. **Us to be righteous & holy**

1. Eph.1:4 – chose us to be holy & blameless
2. Eph.5:25-27 – a radiant church –holy & blameless

C. **Desires only our good**

1. Rom.8:28 – all works together for good
2. Heb.12:10 – God disciplines us for our good

D. **That our lives bring glory to His name**

1. 1 Pet.2:9 – chosen so declare praises of Him who called us
2. Jn.15:8 – God glorified when we are fruitful

E. **We participate in loving service to others**

1. Jn.13:34,35 – by this all know my disciples
2. Gal.6:10 – as have opportunity – do good to all men

F. **Have real life**

1. Jn.10:10 – come so have life to it’s full (extraordinary; excellent)
2. Jn.14:1-3 – go to prepare a place for you in Father’s house

### II. For These To Happen – We Must Have A Cooperative Spirit

A. **Salvation is only for those who will accept Jesus as Lord**

1. Jn.14:6 – no one comes to Father but by me
2. Acts 4:12 – no other name under heaven whereby be saved

- B. **Righteousness & holiness comes to those who hunger for them**
  - 1. Mt.5:6 – they shall be filled
  - 2. 2 Pet.1:8 – possess these qualities in increasing measure
- C. **Working out our good is accomplished when we seek His purposes**
  - 1. Rom.8:28 – love the Lord – called according to His purposes
  - 2. Heb.12:11 – harvest of righteousness if trained by discipline
  - 3. Like Pharaoh - If we refuse & are stiff necked – be broken
- D. **Unless we allow light to shine – God not glorified in life**
  - 1. Mt.5:16 – light shine – men praise God for our works
  - 2. When we suppress what God wants to do thru us – no glory
- E. **Unless we choose to grow in love – service to others hindered**
  - 1. Jer.18:1-12 – God like a potter – clay refuses to mold - marred
  - 2. **God may have good intentions – we resist – no choice** – Pharaoh
- F. **Abundant life – eternal life – only in Jesus**
  - 1. 1 Jn.5:11,12 – have the Son = have life
  - 2. Outside Jesus life is only existence

### III. Apply - What Must Deal With For God To Properly Mold Us

- A. **Our selfish focus**
  - 1. **All of us struggle with this to varying degrees**
    - \* In a tough situation – who worry about 1<sup>st</sup>? Self or others?
    - \* Gen.37:29,30 – Reuben tried rescue – what happen to me now?
  - 2. **Realize**
    - a. **Selfishness leads us to rebel against God**
      - \* We want our way not His
      - \* Like king Saul – obey, but do it our way - witchcraft
    - b. **Selfishness destroys anything God is trying to do through us**
      - \* God wants us to work together like a team
      - \* Eph.4:1-3 – making every effort to keep unity of spirit
      - \* Selfishness destroys that team spirit – Gal.5:13-15
- B. **Our stubbornness – refusal to repent**
  - 1. **So many think** – repentance is what someone else needs to do
    - \* They see repentance as what do to come to Christ initially
    - \* Do it if done some awful sin – not daily thing
  - 2. **We must recognize our sinfulness – continued sinfulness**
    - \* 1 Jn.1:8-2:2 – have an advocate
    - \* Unless recognize need – never call on Him
  - 3. **Whenever recognize sin – repent on the spot**
    - a. Look again at text - see destruction that came to Pharaoh
    - b. All because he refused to repent
- C. **Our laziness – refusal to grow & mature - Procrastination**
  - 1. God has provided all need – 2 Pet.1:3,4
  - 2. Heb.5:11,12 – by reason of time – all ought be teachers
  - 3. **Only excuse** – don't want to put out the effort – someone else do it  
Phil.2:12,13 – **work out salvation - effort**

## **Conclusion**

### **A. What will we allow God to make of us?**

1. **His desire** – salvation; holy & righteous; good; His glory; serve others
  2. **Depends upon us as to what He can do – our choice**
    - a. Cooperate or resist
    - b. Picture the scene again – bodies everywhere – why?
  3. **Look at self** – does selfishness rule? Refuse to repent? Lazy - excuses
- B. Appeal** – change things today