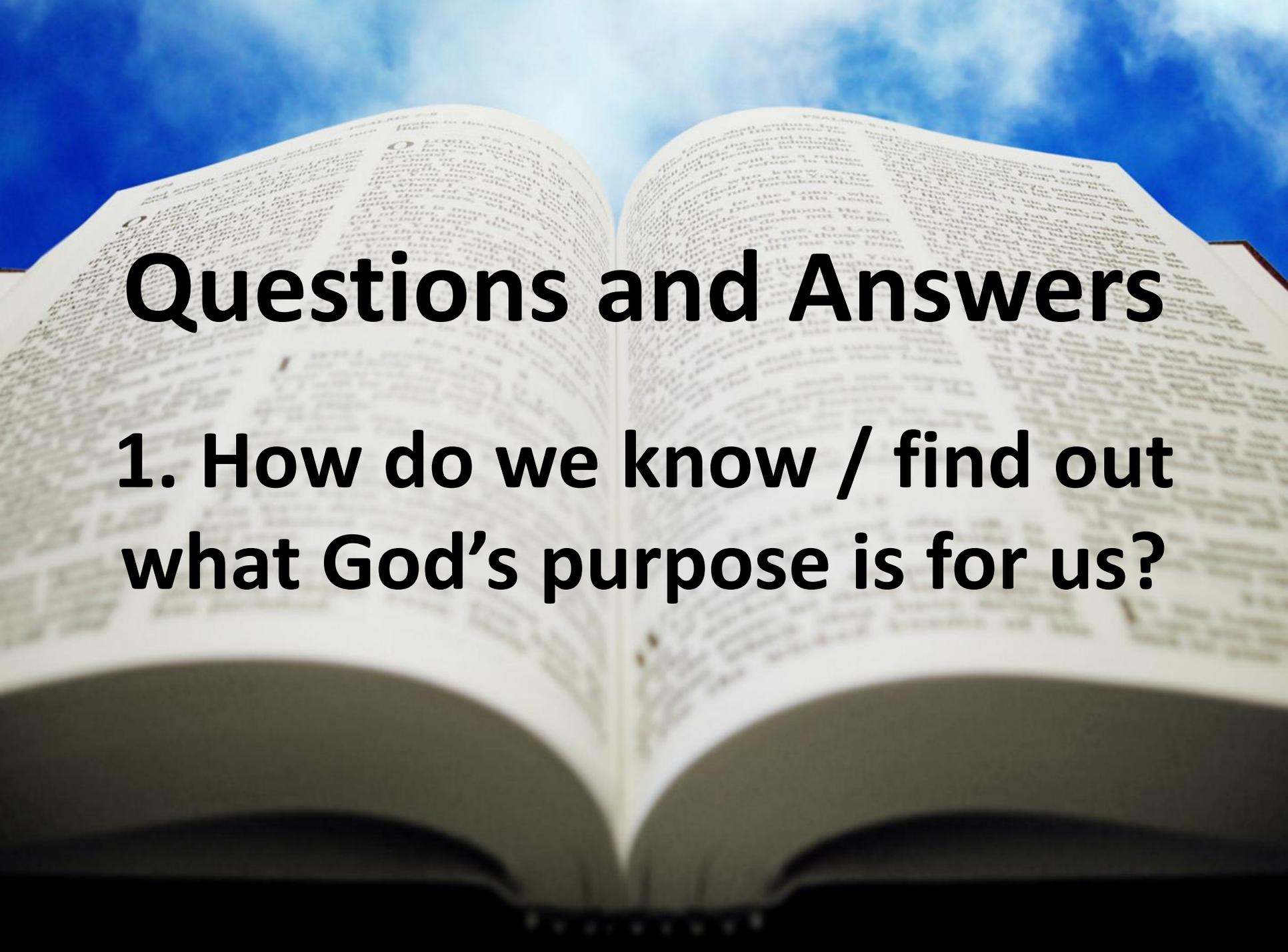


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# **Questions and Answers**

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**Romans 12:1-2** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

**Hebrews 11:1-3** Now **faith is the assurance** of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. **By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God,** so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

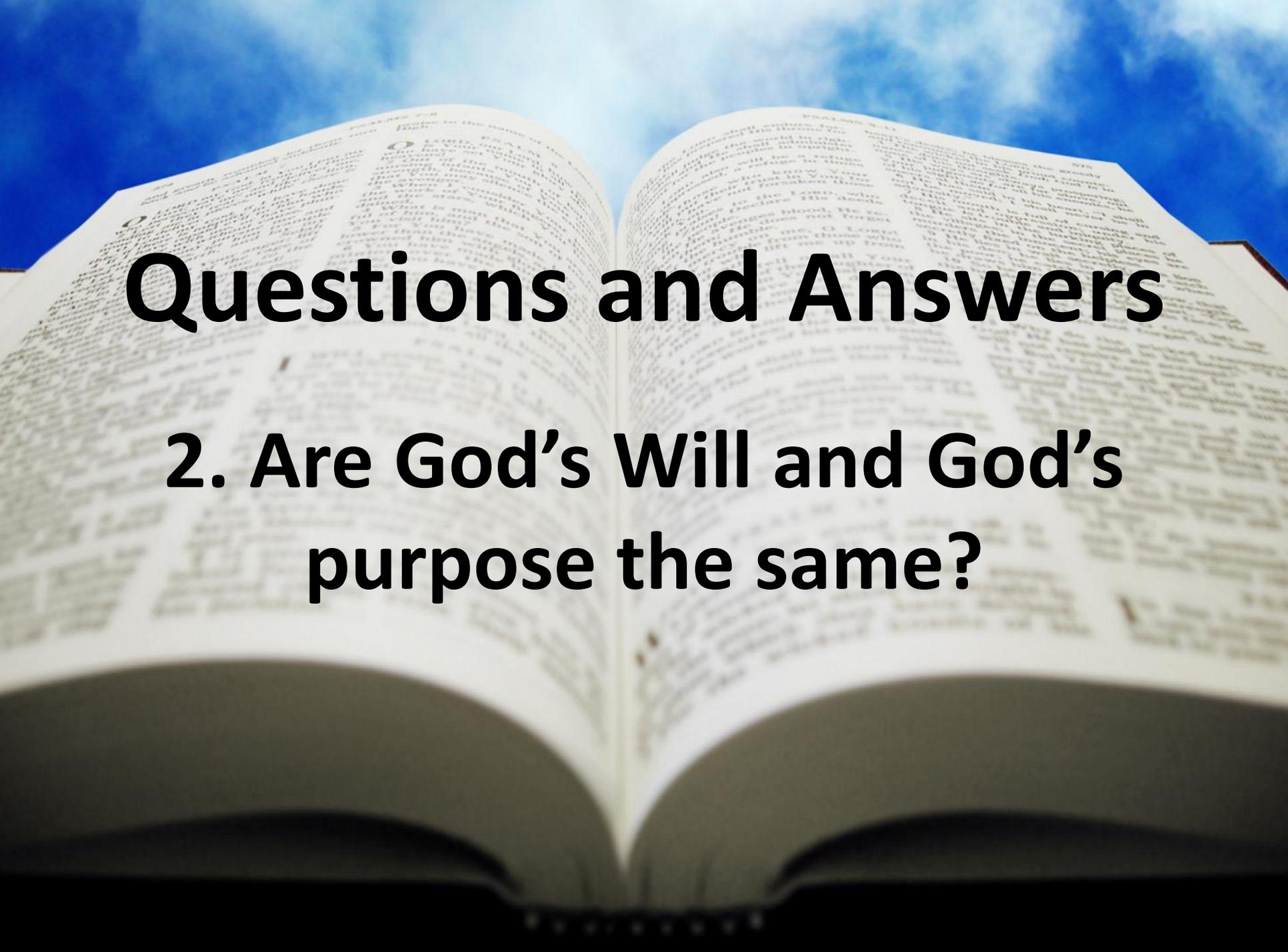
**Hebrews 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please him, for **whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17-20** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

# Importance of the “will” of God and the “purpose” of God

**Matthew 7:21-23** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.**

**Proverb 19:21** Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but **it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.**



# **Questions and Answers**

**2. Are God's Will and God's purpose the same?**

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**God has a plan for his creation which he will certainly accomplish.** It is carried out through the control of circumstances and his choice and use of people, and above all in the life, death, resurrection and second coming of Jesus Christ.

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**God's purpose will be accomplished**

**Isaiah 46:8-11** "Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; **for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,** declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, '**My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,**' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. **I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.**

**Psalm 135:3-6** Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant! **For the LORD has chosen** Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession. For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. **Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.**

**Proverb 16:4** The **LORD has made everything for its purpose**, even the wicked for the day of trouble.

**Ecclesiastes 3:14** I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; **nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.**

**Ephesians 1:11-12** In him we have obtained an inheritance, **having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,** so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

**Isaiah 14:24-27** The LORD of hosts has sworn:  
"As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have  
purposed, so shall it stand, that I will break the  
Assyrian in my land, and on my mountains  
trample him underfoot; and his yoke shall  
depart from them, and his burden from their  
shoulder." **This is the purpose that is purposed  
concerning the whole earth, and this is the  
hand that is stretched out over all the nations.  
For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who  
will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and  
who will turn it back?**

**Isaiah 55:8-11** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, **making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,** so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; **it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

From Matthew 7:21 we find the Greek word **WILL** (Gk. *diathékā*).<sup>†</sup> In New Testament usage Primarily the (Old Testament) “covenant” (the Greek term was used almost exclusively in the LXX for Heb. *b<sup>e</sup>rît* “covenant”).

God is depicted as determining the conditions of the relationship between him and his people, which conditions were finally accomplished through the work of Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 12:47-50** [*Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak to you."*] But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! **For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.**"