

Sermon Notes – January 20, 2019

How to Know the Will of God (*Acts 1:12-26*)

- I. Obey what you know to obey. (*vs. 12*)
 - A. They returned to Jerusalem. (*See vs. 4*)
 - B. We have everyday imperatives:
 1. In everything give thanks: for this is God's will for you. (*I Thessalonians 5:18*)
 2. This I command you that you love one another. (*John 15:17*)
 3. Prove yourselves doers of the word and not merely hearers who delude themselves. (*James 1:22*)

- II. Use the resources you know you have. (*vs. 13-22*)
 - A. An active devotion to prayer.
 1. Pray without ceasing. (*I Thessalonians 5:17*)
 - B. United participation in prayer.
 - C. The voices of godly leadership.
 1. Ephesians 4:11-16
 - D. The Scriptures.
 1. 2 Timothy 3:16,17
 2. 2 Peter 1:16-21
 - E. The leadership of the Holy Spirit.
 1. John 14:26
 2. I John 2:25-29

- III. Observe what God is doing around you. (*vs. 23-26*)
 - A. Tangible results should be based on biblical instruction.
 1. Joseph and Matthias put forward for a vote.
 - B. Answers to prayers are contingent upon the sovereignty of God.
 1. Their method was casting lots. Some examples are in:
 - a. Lev. 16:18, I Chron. 26:13ff, Josh. 7:14, Prov. 18:18 and 16:33
 - b. This is the last mention of casting lots in the Bible.
 2. Our methods are the ways of God.
 - a. God speaks through His Word.
 - b. God speaks through the Holy Spirit.
 - c. God speaks through other people.
 - d. God speaks through circumstances.