

THE WILL OF GOD

The Lord Jesus used the wind to declare that the Holy Spirit is irresistible over man's will in the new birth, "*the wind bloweth where it [will] ...so is everyone that is born of the Spirit.*" (Jn 3: 8) Those who preach that man has a free will say God would not violate man's will to save us. Considering these two teachers, it is wiser to trust God over depraved men. But beyond that, which act of God in creation does not violate man's will? Rain, snow, hail, and drought do. The forms they come in do: hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, tsunamis. Fact is, God violates man's will every day. God does as he will in heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth and none can stop his hand. (Dan 4:35) The only ones unhappy that God does so in salvation are those who want to attribute salvation to their will. The rest rejoice that God says, "*as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*" (Is 55: 10-11)