

The Will of God was Delivered Plainly and Very Intelligibly

God, in order to counteract and destroy the works of the Devil, sent his only begotten Son into the world, and communicated his will unto the children of men. The will of God was delivered plainly and very intelligibly; and that it might not be forgotten, the Evangelists and Apostles put it upon record, and the sacred record is known by the name of the New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

And whilst many of the records of men have sunk into oblivion, and are no more to be found upon the earth, God, by his infinite wisdom and power, has preserved and handed down the sacred record from one generation to another: and over this sacred record the devil has no power.

The record is the same now as it was when it came from the hands of the Evangelists and Apostles. No doubt if the Devil had possessed the power, the sacred record long since would have been destroyed or changed so as to make it read very differently from its original.

But the Devil has been very successful in causing many of the children of men to deviate from, and put false constructions upon, the holy record; and this the Devil could not have done, had the children of men been always willing to do their duty: therefore the disobedient must not cast all the blame upon the Devil, but also upon themselves.

The Spirit of God strives with man, to lead and direct him into all necessary truth. But the carnally minded man delighteth not in the ways of the Lord. He prefers the ways of the Devil. And thus it frequently happens, notwithstanding all the means and inducements given by Heaven, many will not yield, but force their passage down to hell.

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