

Doing The Will Of God

Matthew 12:46-50

Intro:

- A. **Jesus has been ministering to great multitudes of people.**
 - 1. 12:15
 - 2. He had also rebuked the Pharisees for their statements about Him.

- B. **Because of the great press, His own relatives were unable to visit with Him.**
 - 1. **v.46**
 - 2. Mark 3:31
 - 3. Luke 8:19-21

- C. **The will of the Father was of concern to Jesus.**
 - 1. It is more important than family.
 - 2. It does not exclude the family.

I. The Will Of God And Family.

- A. **The will of God comes first.**
 - 1. talked = "to utter words of any language."
V.46
 - 2. Jesus chatted with the people.
 - 3. "the multitude sat about him" Mark 3:22

- B. **Jesus recognized their presence.**
 - 1. He did not rebuke His family. **V.48**
 - 2. He loved His mother.
 - 3. He loved His brethren.

II. The Will Of God Places Those Who Do It In Close Relationship.

- A. **Jesus pointed to His disciples. V.49**
 - 1. "Behold my mother"
 - 2. "Behold my brethren"
 - 3. Often these persons with whom we serve God become closer than our own blood relatives.

- B. **Jesus identified His disciples.**
 - 1. "...whosoever shall do the will of my father"
v.50

2. will = θελημα = "wish," "desire"
3. "The same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

III. What Is God's Will?

A. **Jesus tells us.**

1. "...are these which hear the word of God..."
Luke 8:21.
2. "...and do it."
3. It is not hearing but hearing and doing.

B. **God's will for all men.**

1. Repent of your sins.
2. Trust in Jesus Christ.
3. Receive scriptural baptism.
4. Become a faithful church member.
5. Bear spiritual fruit.