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 = θέλημα = "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..."
   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.