

DON'T ANALYZE GOD; TRUST HIM – PROVERBS 20:24

SERIES: *THE JOURNEY OF PURSUING GOD'S WILL*

²⁴ Man's steps are *ordained* by the LORD, How then can man understand his way? **Proverbs 20:24 (NASB)**

²³ The LORD guides us in the way we should go and protects those who please him. **Psalm 37:23 (TEV)**

²¹ People may plan all kinds of things, but the LORD'S will is going to be done. **Proverbs 19:21 (TEV)**

➤ **Two Lofty Goals for Christians:**

1. Desire to learn how to think Biblically.
2. Encourage other Christians to do the same.

Anthropomorphism: ascribing human form or attributes to Deity (God).

➤ *"If I were God ... "*

²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. **Romans 8:29 (NIV)**

1. WE HAVE FOCUS CHOICES

- A. We can focus on ourselves
- B. We can focus on our circumstances
- C. We can focus on other people
- D. We can focus on God

⁴ For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. **Romans 15:4 (NASB)**

² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)**

2. WHAT TO DO WITH THE UNEXPLAINABLE

➤ *Spend less time analyzing God and more time obeying Him.*

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⁹ When He acts on the left, I cannot behold *Him*; He turns on the right, I cannot see Him. ¹⁰ "But He knows the way I take; *When* He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold. **Job 23:9-10 (NASB)**

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. **Philippians 3:10-12 (NIV)**

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)**

3. THINKING THEOLOGICALLY (BIBLICALLY)

➤ Cf. **Romans 8**

- A. We wait and persevere (Romans 8:25).
- B. We face the test head on but on our knees (Romans 8:26-27).
- C. We rest in our sovereign God and His plan (Romans 8:28).
- D. We remember we re being conformed to the image of Christ. (Romans 9:29)

