

God?" Why will ye not recognize in every event—whether great or small—the special providence of your Heavenly Father? And why will ye not ever trust Him? This do, and ye shall find in God's providences fewer of judgments and more of mercies.—*Melbourne.*

—The will of God is the ultimate and only rule of action. God manifests His will in various ways. The will of God may in some cases be ascertained by the operations of the human mind, especially when under a religious or gracious guidance. *But He reveals His will chiefly in His written word.* And nothing can be declared to be the will of God which is at variance with His written or revealed will, which may also be called His *positive* will.—*Fenelon.*

—Whenever I meet with the will of God, I feel that I meet with God; whenever I respect and love the will of God, I feel that I respect and love God; whenever I unite with the will of God, I feel that I unite with God; so that practically and religiously, although I am aware that a difference can be made philosophically, God and the will of God are to me the same. He who is in perfect harmony with the *will* of God, is as much in harmony with God Himself as it is possible for any being to be. The very name of God's will fills me with joy.—*Madame Guyon.*

—In reference to happiness, a man only has what he can use. If he possesses a thousand pounds which he cannot use, it matters not as to the benefit he derives from it, whether it be in his coffer, or in the bowels of the earth. When his wants are supplied, all that remains is his only to keep or to give away, but not to enjoy. What is more than serviceable is superfluous and needless, and the man is only rich in fancy. Nature is satisfied with little; it is vanity, it is avarice, luxury, independence—it is the god of this world that urges us to demand more.—*Wm. Jay.*

—Satan is continually suggesting doubts to the Christian in a hundred forms. Doubts as to the care of God; doubts as to His guiding providence; doubts as to His actual, personal presence with His children; doubts even as to the salvation promised in Christ Jesus. But surely one single assurance from His blessed word ought to be sufficient to silence for us all such questions.