

VERSES ON GOD'S DESIRE

Genesis 2:15-16 15 Yahweh God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And Yahweh God commanded the man saying, You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.¹

Genesis 50:20 20 As for you [Joseph's brothers], you meant evil against me [Joseph], but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Deuteronomy 29:29 29 The secret things belong to Yahweh our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this Torah.

Psalms 139:16 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance. In your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Isaiah 53:10 10 ...It was the desire (רָצוֹן) of Yahweh to crush [his Servant]. He has put him to grief. When his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his seed. He shall prolong his days. The desire (רָצוֹן) of Yahweh shall prosper in his hand.

Ezekiel 18:21-23 21 ...If a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed, keeps all my statutes, and does what is just and right, he shall surely live. He shall not die. 22 None of the transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him. For the righteousness that he has done he shall live. 23 Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares Lord Yahweh, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

Ezekiel 18:31-32 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares Lord Yahweh. So turn and live.

Ezekiel 33:11 11 ...As I live, declares Lord Yahweh, I have no pleasure (רָצוֹן) in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, house of Israel?

Daniel 4:32 32 and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he desires (רָצוֹן).

Matthew 6:10 10 Your kingdom come, your desire (θέλημα) be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹ God desires human beings to possess free will and moral responsibility.

Matthew 7:21 21 Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the desire (θέλημα) of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 11:25-26 25 At that time Jesus declared, I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, Father, for such was your gracious desire (εὐδοκία).

Matthew 12:50 50 ...Whoever does the desire (θέλημα) of my Father in heaven is my brother, sister, and mother.

Matthew 18:14 14 It is not the desire (θέλημα) of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones [believers] should perish.

Matthew 23:37-39 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing (θέλω)! 38 See, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Luke 7:29-30 29 When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptised with the baptism of John. 30 But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose (βουλή) of God for themselves, not having been baptised by him.

Acts 21:14 14 ...Because [Paul] would not be persuaded, we [Luke and others] ceased and said, Let the desire (θέλημα) of the Lord be done.

Romans 1:10 10 ...Always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's desire I [Paul] may now at last succeed in coming to you [the Roman believers].

Romans 9:10-18 10 ...When Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— 12 she was told, The older will serve the younger. 13 As it is written, Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated. 14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. 16 So then it depends not on human desire (θέλω) or exertion (τρέχω), but on God, who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth. 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he desires (θέλω), and he hardens whomever he desires (θέλω).

1 Corinthians 4:19 19 I will come to you soon, if the Lord desires (θέλω), and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power.

Ephesians 1:10-12 11 In [Messiah] we have obtained an inheritance, having been predetermined according to the purpose of [God] who works all things according to the counsel of his desire (θέλημα), 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Messiah might be to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 5:17 17 ...Do not be foolish, but understand what the desire (θέλημα) of the Lord is.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 3 This [praying for all people] is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, 4 who desires (θέλω) all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

James 4:13-15 13 Come now, you who say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit— 14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. 15 Instead you ought to say, If the Lord desires (θέλω), we will live and do this or that.

1 Peter 3:17 17 ...It is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will (θέλημα), than for doing evil.

1 Peter 4:19 19 ...Let those who suffer according to God's will (θέλημα) entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

2 Peter 3:9 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfil his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing (βούλομαι) that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

1 John 5:14 14 ...This is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his desire (θέλημα) he hears us.

Revelation 4:11 11 Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory, honour, and power, for you created all things, and by your desire (θέλημα) they existed and were created.