

A WILL AND A WAY.

Rom. 7:18, "for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not."

Intro. We have all heard that old expression "Where there is a will there is a way." Someone else said, "Yes, and where there is a will there is a relative, too." But we are not talking about that kind of a will!

I. Satan found a way to deceive man. Gen. 3

1. the Personality of the Devil. Christ called Satan a murderer and a liar. You could hardly call an influence, an idea, an imagination, a figure of speech, or a personification, a murderer and a liar.
2. Satan's method is not by truth but by deceit.

II. God found a way to redeem man.

1. "I have found a way to redeem my soul."
2. on a hill outside Florence, Italy, stands the great statue by Michelangelo, David slaying Goliath - a marvellous figure of beauty, grace, & strength. Cut out of a block of marble which another artist had worked upon & then thrown away as useless.

III. Man can find the way to be saved from sin if he really wants to.

1. Jno. 14:6 - Jesus is the way
2. God does not save any against their will.

IV. The Christian can find the way to victory over sin.

A. Over the temptation of sin. I Cor. 10:13

1. cotton speculator dealing with miss. steamboat Capt
2. story of the old negro & his boss ducks hunting.

B. Over the Power of sin. Rom. 7, & 8.

(1) The tyrannical dominion of sinful habits.

(2) The deceitful lust of sin's enjoyment.

(3) The way of victory

(a) The Lord Jesus Christ - Rom. 7:25
Phil. 2:13

(b) The Holy Spirit - Rom. 8:1

(c) The fully surrendered life. Rom. 12:1, 2