



**While there is a place for human plan designing, the predominant human practice is to assume the role of plan-maker which belongs only to God. Men even go so far as to attempt to build God's kingdom by human methods, planning, and procedures as did Abram and Sarai when they planned the marriage of Abram and Hagar in order to produce the promised child. When Christ was in the desert being tempted of the devil, the enemy placed tremendous pressure on Him to resort to His own plan making in order to save God's work from what appeared to be certain disaster. But, fortunately, the Saviour utterly refused to come under the dominion of this temptation. He demonstrated that it is less a calamity to suffer whatever may befall than to depart in any manner from God's will.**

Father's will was given in the wilderness immediately after His baptism. Let us look briefly at some of the main points in this thrilling demonstration of perfect submission to the will of the Eternal One.

It was in direct response to His Father's summons that Jesus presented Himself at the Jordan to be baptized. There the Father accepted His Son's consecration to be the Redeemer, and then, contrary to what one would expect, He directed Him by the Holy Spirit to spend time in the wilderness instead of calling Him to begin His ministry. At first, Jesus was surrounded with the glory of God which sustained and assured Him, "But the glory departed, and He was left to battle with temptation. It was pressing upon Him every moment. His human nature shrank from the conflict that awaited Him. For forty days He fasted and prayed. Weak and emaciated from hunger, worn and haggard with mental agony, 'His visage was so marred more than any man, and His