

Hebrews 6:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And this will we do, if God permit.

Analysis

The resolution: 'this we will do, if God permits' shows proper recognition of divine sovereignty even in spiritual progress. Human effort and divine enablement both feature - we must press on, yet only God makes growth possible. Reformed theology avoids both passivity (waiting for God to act apart from means) and self-sufficiency (progressing by mere human effort). Growth requires Spirit-empowered human response to God's word.

Historical Context

The phrase 'if God permits' (Greek 'eanper epitrepē ho theos') was common in James 4:15 and reflects biblical piety that acknowledges God's control over all things, including spiritual advancement.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do you balance personal responsibility for spiritual growth with dependence on God's grace?
2. What does it mean practically to say 'if God permits' regarding your spiritual goals?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	τοῦτο	ποιήσομεν	ἐάνπερ	ἐπιτρέπη	ὁ	θεός
And	this	will we do	if	permit	G3588	God
G2532	G5124	G4160	G1437	G2010		G2316

Additional Cross-References

Acts 18:21 (References God): But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

1 Corinthians 16:7 (Parallel theme): For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

1 Corinthians 4:19 (Parallel theme): But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.