

WHEN GOD MAKES PLANS

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Introduction: Everyone makes plans but as we all know, not all our plans follow through and happen as we had hoped. We don't know everything, we don't plan for everything, we just can't do the "impossible." However with God it is different for when God makes plans:

I. GOD'S PURPOSES SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED

1. God has purposes of love and peace for those who never even think of Him.
 - Adam, Israel, the Jews, Jesus, Paul, and YOU
2. God's purposes will be accomplished in His time.
 - Jesus was born, Paul chosen, your salvation.
 - Eternity will reveal God's success (in God's time, not ours).
3. All plans founded upon God's will shall come to pass.
 - The flood, Jewish captivity, their release, Salvation, Tribulation, the Second Coming of Jesus.

II. GOD'S PURPOSES SHALL COME TO PASS THROUGH PRAYER

1. God has appointed prayer as a means of obtaining His blessings.
 - Earnest, sincere, heart felt prayer.
2. Upon discovering God's purpose, prayers should increase.
 - Do not reject any opportunity for spiritual growth.
3. Obedience and prayer will bring to pass God's purpose in one's life.
 - Do not ask wrongly, amiss.

CONCLUSION: God's purposes coming to pass through prayer and obedience should:

1. HUMBLE the proud. Salvation is of God, therefore give GOD the glory, hope in God and not in any works of man.
2. AWAKEN the slumbering. God has purposes for everyone, even those who are unknowing.
 - Awaken, seek God, the person who lives without God lives without hope.
3. COMFORT the weak. From where do your doubts come from? God has a purpose for YOU. Pray, be obedient, wait upon the Lord, **"...ye shall search for me with you whole heart..."**