

For I Know The Plans I Have For You

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

God has huge plans for your life! Just think about it for a minute: You have been on God's mind from the foundation of the earth! Since God is LOVE, He only thinks good of you. He looks at you through eyes of pure and perfect love! God has been thinking of you – your purpose from eternity past! Can you imagine just how excited He was when the time came for you to finally be born into this world? He was probably so eager for that day when His beautiful creation came into being. He saw Himself loving and blessing you in every way, even making the way for you to be able to become His very own son or daughter through Jesus! He saw you receiving His Son and becoming one with Him and giving Him a home to live in, which is yourself! You became the Temple of God's Holy Spirit to live in and He chose this time period for you to live in, because He has chosen you – He has called you. He has a purpose in mind for you and it is to bless you and your family. He chose you to work through – to do a mighty work in these last days! There are many people God has placed in your life that He wants to reach – to deliver, to heal, and to save. He wants to pour out His love on them and bless them as He did for you! In order to work through you, though, you have to be a willing vessel for Him to work through. He needs you to lay your life down and take up His. He wants you to let Him live His life through you. He wants you to know that you were born for "such a time as this!" (Esther 4:14) He chose YOU out of all of the billions of people from all of the days gone by to live now – at the last of the last days!

God definitely has plans for your life – there's no doubt about it! Don't ever let the devil lie to you or discourage you and tell you that you don't have a purpose or a future! God has the best future in mind for you, and it's to spend all of eternity with Him – the creator of the universe! You are the apple of God's eye, and He knows how many hairs are on your head at any given moment! No one loves you more than that! We just want to encourage you today and let you know that we love you and we are here for you. We want you to know and realize how late it is and how short the time is. There is such an urgency to be living and walking by faith right now! Yes, everything is already lined up for the rapture to take place. That will happen any day now. There are so many evil things going on and coming at us from every angle, and a lot of people aren't even aware of even half of it. As long as you have the Word of God inside of you and you know how to use it, the devil will not be able to touch you. As long as you are filled with the Spirit of God and you are continually built up in Him and in the Word of God, renewing your mind and staying in faith in Him – believing Him, He will protect you. Meditate the 91st Psalm every day and speak it! If you are God's property, He is able to keep you, but if you don't belong to Him, you are a wide open target for the devil with

absolutely no protection. You are no match for him on your own. The only way to walk in victory over the devil that Jesus provided for you, is by speaking, thinking, meditating and believing what God says about your situation, which is the Word of God. Remember: you have what you say, good or bad – when you believe it! Read Mark 11:23 and Proverbs 18:21.

You have to make sure your faith is working for you now before bad things happen in your life, or you will just be defeated just like the unbelievers in the world will be. You have to see that this is life or death that I am talking about – yours and your loved ones. You have to get to the place where you see your faith in God working in your life, which means you have to know what the Word says, and you have to be learning how to use the Word by being in a church where you are being taught! Don't ever believe the devil and let him deceive you into thinking that you are OK – that you have enough of God in your life right now. What really matters is how much of YOU does God have? How much of your time does He have? How much attention do you give Him? What about your thoughts – how much do you actually think and dwell on Him – on the Word? How much do you talk about Him and what He has done for you? How much do you speak His Word? How faithful are you at assembling yourself with other believers, where you will be built up and where you can build others up? If you don't care about spiritual growth and about obedience, you won't go – it won't be important to you and you'll put anything before God. How faithful are you at letting God choose your friends? They are either bringing you down, or building you up in your faith. Friends are like elevators – they will either bring you up, or bring you down. They will never leave you the same. It's the same with a mate. Are you letting God choose your mate? Do you trust God to bring you the right person or not? Remember: when you stand before God, you will be the only one standing there – your mate won't be there with you. Your relationship with God depends on you alone, and not anything that your mate does! Are you training up your children in "the way" they should go? Depending on how long it takes the Lord to take us home, your kids will need to know how to walk by faith and not by sight more than you can ever imagine! Are you being a faithful example to your children? Are you teaching them daily how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit? It is the most important thing you can do for them! You are responsible for their salvation if they are under your care – are you standing up to your responsibilities? Knowing about God won't get them into heaven, but KNOWING God will! Are you faithful with your finances and how you spend your money? Are you a wise and faithful steward? Let's face it – it's all God's anyway! If you aren't faithful in little, the Bible says you aren't faithful in much. If you want to prosper, make God your partner – He promises to take care of you and He wants to bless you! Give Him a chance!

The Bible talks about John's baptism, which is baptism in water, Jesus' baptism, which is being born again, and also the Holy Spirit's baptism, which is being filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. One place it talks about all three baptisms is in Acts 19:1-6. There are some things that you need to

know: As I said, the rapture can take place at any time, but those who are filled with the Holy Spirit – who received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and are remaining filled with Him through fellowship with Him are the only ones who will go in the rapture. Read Matthew 25 about the parable of the 10 virgins. All 10 were born again, but the 5 foolish virgins who ran out of oil (the Holy Spirit) left to go get filled up and draw in there closer with God, and that's when the bridegroom (Jesus) came! They didn't make the rapture! God knows who loves Him and who doesn't. It was the people who stayed full of the Holy Spirit – the ones who were ready and waiting for His return who went, not the ones who went to "get" filled. Just think about that – the Lord purposely came when the 5 were going to "get" ready! He has a reward for His faithful bride! There are always those who say that they have to "get" in there, but never do. They have been saying that for years. Sadly, these are the ones who won't go in the rapture. I believe we will see the rapture take place soon – God is going to rescue us out of this evil world, praise God! Can you imagine how evil it will even feel the second after the true body of Christ is taken off the earth? It will be a fearful thing to be living at that time, knowing what those people will have to go through. Most people won't be able to stand for God and really, if they can't stand now, in a time of grace, they won't stand then. The Bible says many will fall from the faith. Another thing to know is that just because you may still be able to speak in tongues, doesn't mean that you are filled with the Holy Spirit. You have to stay filled and be filled over and over in His presence – read the book of Acts. As you are filled with the Holy Spirit, speak in tongues as much as you can – the Bible says that it builds up your faith. (Jude 1:20)

Also, don't think you can wait to get things right with God at the last minute – it won't work. Salvation isn't just a prayer to pray. It's a relationship with the Lord – it's knowing Him! (John 17:3) Salvation is a decision to make Jesus the Lord of your life. (Read Romans 10:9-10) It's in believing that Jesus died, was buried, and rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. It's in receiving Him into your life and making Him the Lord of your life and confessing to others that He is your Lord – that you are born again! It's about knowing who you are in Christ and Who He is inside of you – the power He brought you over sin and death! (hell) Remember: you won't even see the kingdom of God – you won't go to heaven if you aren't born again, having God's Spirit inside of you! (John 3:3) You can read in this chapter how Jesus was telling Nicodemus, a high Priest, that He wasn't even ready for heaven! All he knew were the laws – He didn't know Jesus -that He came to fulfill the law by obeying every one of them without sinning, which was impossible for anyone else to do! He took the punishment for our sins upon the cross, died, was buried, rose from the dead, and when He went back into heaven He sent the Holy Spirit back to us so we can be born from above, or spiritually! Every person after Adam is spiritually dead, since he disobeyed God. God's Spirit left him and he became spiritually dead. We were in need of being born spiritually "again" so we could be accepted by God – as Adam was created in the beginning when God

breathed the breath of LIFE into him – God's own Spirit! When we get born again – from above, we receive Jesus as our Lord – His Spirit enters into us, and we become a brand new creation! - on the inside! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Don't wait until the end of your life and think that you can get things right with God. People who know what they need to do to get saved and who wait until they are on their death bed, then say a prayer before they die probably don't have a good future in store for them. Also, the Bible says in John 6:44, that you can only be saved when God is drawing you. People who stay in sin purposely, knowing right from wrong, are only allowing their hearts to get harder and harder toward God Who loves them and Who is the only One Who can save them! Do you honestly think that they will be able to have faith to receive the biggest miracle in the world after denying Jesus for all of those years? It's sad, but Satan has many, many people – even so called Christians fooled! He has them right where he wants them – giving them false security about eternity. There is a way which SEEMETH right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (hell) (Proverbs 14:12) There is only one way into heaven – only one way to the Father, and that is through Jesus Christ. This is one thing that you cannot be wrong about, or you will pay for all of eternity! If you haven't made the decision to follow Jesus, you have made your decision. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. (1 John 5:12-13) Nothing that you do can save your soul. Going to church won't, being a good person won't, giving money won't, praying won't, and being water baptized won't! Only by receiving Jesus and what He did for you will save you – then after you receive Him and make Him your Lord, you will want to DO things for Him out of love for Him. You will want to be obedient to Him and and you will want to be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer only! (James 1:22) Jesus loves you so much - so much that He died for you, in your place, taking the punishment for your sins, in your place! He died for you - why don't you live for Him?! You can do ALL things through Christ Who strengthens you!

Be blessed!

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