

## Introduction

We want to have a look at God's purposes & plans being revealed in our lives.

### Scripture

- **Jeremiah 29:11 (New International Version, ©2011)**

<sup>11</sup> 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.

- **Jeremiah 29:11 (The Message)**

<sup>11</sup> I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

God has a plan for every person that has ever been born.

In this scripture He says "I know the plans I have for you, what an awesome thing it is that the creator of the universe has an individual plan for each and every one of us, and still never takes our will or choices away, it's entirely up to us to pursue his will and purposes for our lives.

1. To prosper you (not just finances – He gives us the resources to accomplish the plan He has for us)  
(Many want the resources first before they step out in faith, but God honours us by us stepping out)

### Question

Has lack of finances ever stopped you from doing things for God?

2. Not to harm you (this disqualifies **all** teaching that God makes us sick and brings disasters on us)  
(If God has a plan for us, why would He want to destroy us?)
3. To give you hope (many people are hoping for what they already have, we don't hope to be healed, because we are healed. Our hope is in our final destination)
- 4) To give you a future (without vision or revelation people perish that is why we have so many people grabbing hold of all kinds of teaching because of their lack of understanding of Gods revealed purpose for their lives)

### Question

Do you sometimes look to people about your future, or do you trust God completely?

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### Question

Have you ever been promised something and it has never come to pass?

We call this hope deferred. That's why our trust cannot be in man, our future and hope are in GODS hands. He is faithful!

One thing we must always remember, Gods Word does not lie. If He began a good work in you, He will accomplish that and bring it to finality.

**Question**

- 1) Have you ever had cause to question Gods Word concerning your life?
- 2) If so in what area?

That is why Paul says, as we have looked at in a previous study, in:

**Scripture**

- **Ephesians 1:17 (New International Version, ©2011)**

<sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit<sup>[a]</sup> of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

God wants us to have wisdom and revelation.

We need to look at this scripture.

Wisdom = practical workable principles.

Revelation refers to clear, perception and relevant understanding. The Holy Spirit is the divine and supernatural source of both.

So if we have the Holy Spirit, that means we have a Spirit of Wisdom and a Spirit of Revelation.

If we have a revelation of the purposes of God for our lives, He will give us the wisdom to see that plan and purpose come to pass.

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It's amazing how many times you hear what people are called to do. Many say I'm called to be an apostle, an evangelist, a pastor, intercessor, all kinds of things, but Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, makes a clear statement about what we are called first to do:

**Scripture**

- **1 Corinthians 1:9 (Amplified Bible)**

<sup>9</sup>God is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by Him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notice it says here that we are called to:

1. Companionship (fellowship – out of fellowship comes our revelation of what we are called to do)
2. Participation with His Son

Paul says God is:

1. Faithful,
2. Reliable
3. Trustworthy
4. Ever true
5. He can be depended on

Paul is really saying here that we are firstly called into fellowship with Jesus.

The most important thing we can do is work on our relationship, spending time with Him, praying, waiting, listening and reading.

As Christians, if we could just relax and come into fellowship with Him, take His Word as truth, and an umpire to our lives, I am convinced that revelation and stability would come into all our lives.

It is God who calls, anoints and separates, it has nothing to do with our fleshly desires.

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The scripture we want to look at in this study is:

### Scripture

- **Habakkuk 1:5 (New International Version, ©2011)**

<sup>5</sup> "Look at the nations and watch—  
and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days  
that you would not believe,  
even if you were told.

As we look at this scripture, not taking it out of context, God says to Habakkuk, look at the nations, watch the nations and be amazed at the nations. Notice He says watch the nations – be amazed at the nations, He doesn't tell us to copy them.

Why is it as Christians we have to become clones of everything that is popular? Just because something is popular and big does not mean it is right.

Eg: How popular was Jesus on the face of the earth when he walked here?:

1. He was not popular with the religious of the day
2. He was not popular with the king, (Herod), of the day
3. He was not popular with the government, (Romans), of the day

There is a need in each one of us for acceptance.

### Question

- 1) Do you enjoy your own company?
- 2) Do you like being popular?
- 3) Do you find it hard to be challenged?

Jesus' security was in His Father. He knew what He was called to do.

### Scripture

- **Hebrews 12:2 (New International Version, ©2011)**

<sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, for the joy set before Him  
He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne  
of God

That joy that was before Him was to:

1. Fulfil the Father's purposes
2. You and I coming in to the Kingdom (being saved)

The second part of Habakkuk says this:

“For I am going to do something in your days  
that you would not believe,  
even if you were told.”

God is wanting to do something in all our lives, each person has a plan set before him which needs to be revealed to each individual by the power of the Holy Spirit.

How can we really understand God’s plan for our lives if we are just copying others.

Being led by others, being dictated to by others.

He says here “I’m going to do something in your day, but you would not believe it.

We need to be open to the unexpected and not to look for popularity or copying everything else.

Let’s look at three people used by God in the New Testament:

**John the Baptist** - Gods plan for him was to prepare the way.

**Peter the fisherman** – Gods plan for him was to preach on the day of Pentecost.

**Saul the persecutor** - who became Paul – his plan was to become a voice to the gentiles.

Each one of these people was not a clone, they were different, but the plan was revealed to them by God.

BE YOU, God will lead you, not what **you** think will fit into His plan, we are to listen and let it be revealed into our hearts, then the thing He wants to do will bear fruit.

This is not talking about being independent, but learning to be dependent on revelation spoken into our hearts from the Word of God. As we say each study, God does not go beyond His Word.

### Scripture

- **Hebrews 1:2 (New International Version, ©2011)**

<sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

God reveals Himself in nature which proclaims His majesty, righteousness and eternal power.

But more important than that is the revelation of God through the Word. God reveals Himself by:

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| 1) Direct Speech (preaching & the prophetic words) | ) Prophetic words, dreams &   |
| 2) By dreams                                       | ) visions should be confirmed |
| 3) By Visions                                      | ) out of the mouths of 2 or 3 |
|  | ) witnesses                   |

However, the key to revelation and the plan for your life is Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh.

If we stick to the Word of God, and line everything up with that there is no way we should go off track.