

My plan HIS plan does it matter?

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Introduction:

How often have you made plans for your life? How often have they failed? If you are like me and I venture to say you are. You have made plans often and they have failed often. This happens because the right person isn't making them. Today we are going to see what the word of God says about making plans. Who's plan is better mine or HIS does it matter? Turn with me to Jeremiah 29:11-13.

Scripture:

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Key Points:

1. We must yield
2. We must believe the promise
3. We must seek after HIM

Outline:

1. We must yield.
 - a. In order to follow Gods plan we must yield to HIM and be willing to let HIM guide and direct.
 - b. We must put all our hope in HIM that HE knows what HE is doing.
 - i. Hope- Trust.
 - ii. How can we not put our trust in the creator of the universe?
 - c. HE said I know the plans I have for you, plans for peace, hope and a future.
 - d. This is not just a passing dream but a promise from none other then God himself.
 - e. Not only must we yield but we need to believe the promise.
2. We must believe the promise.
 - a. That promise is one of deliverance.
 - i. Just as HE promised to bring Israel back together after they were scattered for seventy years this promise is still true today as it applies to the lost and dying who know not Christ Jesus.
 - b. If this is a promise of deliverance then what do we have to fear? Why do we have to be discouraged?
 - i. There is nothing to fear and there is no reason for discouragement.
 - (1) (Isaiah 41:10) Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'
 - c. Not only do we need to yield to HIM and believe in HIS promise we need to seek after HIM.

3. We must seek after HIM.
 - a. In every situation we have the responsibility to seek after the Lord, pray and ask HIM to fulfill HIS promises.
 - b. The word of God and prayer go hand in hand,
 - i. (Acts 6:4) but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”
 - c. What does it mean to seek?
 - i. Attempt to find
 - ii. The scripture says that we must seek with all our heart.
 - (1) In other words we need to seek or look for HIM with all that we have and if we do this we will find HIM.
 - (2) Church we need to want HIM more than anything in this world.

Are you ready for HIS plan? Or do you think yours is better?

Conclusion:

Have you been in control long enough? Are you tired of trying to make your plans work out? If you answered yes to these questions then let today be the day that you give the plan making over to the one who has your best interest at heart. It does matter who's plan it is, one will work the other will not.