

God's plan for our lives

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1. He knew us before we were formed in the womb.

Psalm 139:14–16

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvellous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skilfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me,

When as yet there were none of them.

2. God's word to Jeremiah that we are known by God.

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

3. God's plan for us gives us hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster [evil], to give you a future and a hope."

4. We were chosen before the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:4

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

5. We were predestined.

Romans 8:29-30

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

6. He has called us with a holy calling.

2 Timothy 1:9

He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

7. All things work together for good for those who love the Lord.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

8. He is able to do abundantly above all we ask or think.

Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

9. The exceeding greatness of His power towards us.

Ephesians 1:19-21

And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

10. He will guide you continually.

Isaiah 58:11

The LORD will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

11. The Lord shall renew our strength.

Isaiah 40:31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

12. God offers us His protection.

Psalm 91:1-16 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

13. God watches out for those loyal to Him.

2 Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

14. God protects us against the enemy.

Isaiah 59:19 When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

15. He will guide us with His eye.

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

16. There are marvellous things that God has prepared.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

17. He puts our tears into His bottle.

Psalm 56:8–9 You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book? When I cry out to You, Then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me.

18. His Word is a lamp to our feet.

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

19. If we abide in God.

John 15:7

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

20. He takes care of us.

Psalm 23:1–3

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

21. God and Jesus will make Their home with us.

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

22. We are not to be conformed to this world.

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

23. We are to rejoice, pray and give thanks at all times.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–22

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

24. The Promise of God.

God says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6.)

25. We need to be born-again and filled with the Holy Spirit, repenting from all sin.

26. We need to humble ourselves as Jesus did.

a). He was born in a Manger and yet He was the creator of this world.

b). He humbled Himself and became obedient to death.

Philippians 2:5–11

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

c). John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

d). He who exalts himself shall be humbled and he who humbles himself shall be exalted.

Matthew 23:12

And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

27. The key to God's plan being fulfilled in our lives is:

a). Total daily obedience to God, His Commandments and to His Word.

- b). To love Him with all our heart and soul, mind and strength.
- c). To love our neighbour.
- d). To love one another as He loved us.

28. We must always submit to God and also submit our plans daily to God.

29. We should walk with God.

Acts 2:25

For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.

30. Example of the wonderful plan of God.

Joseph was thrown by his brothers into a pit because they were jealous of him. They sold him to a passing group of traders who were on their way to Egypt. His father thought he was dead because the brothers bought back a tunic covered in blood. Joseph became a slave in Egypt and was thrown into prison on a false charge. God gave him the ability to interpret dreams and he did so for Pharaoh who promoted him to be second in charge of Egypt.

Eventually because of a famine the brothers of Joseph went to Egypt seeking food and were interviewed by Joseph who did not reveal his identity on the first occasion. However they returned a second time and he revealed his identity. They were shocked. They returned to Israel and brought their father Jacob to Egypt. They were given excellent pastures for their flocks.

God's plan allowed Joseph to go through great suffering but as a result he was promoted and God sent him ahead of the Israelites to preserve them in Egypt and save their lives.

Sometimes we cannot see the end of the suffering we maybe in, but God has a plan for us, for good and not evil.

31. What does God require of us?

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

32. We should avoid sin.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

33. What is sin?

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

Those practicing: Uncleanness (impurity) Filthy language (dirty jokes) Licentiousness (indecency), e.g. Pornography (Ephesians 5:3-4; Colossians 3:8; Galatians 5:19) Sorcery, i.e. Witchcraft (Galatians 5:20) For example: Fortune telling, e.g. Horoscopes Some forms of heavy metal rock, Drugs Ouija boards, Charms Spiritism, séances Freemasonry Martial Arts – Kung Fu, Aikido, Tae Kwon Du, Karate, Tai Chi, Judo (rooted in Taoism and Buddhism) **Druids Lodge** Eastern religions – Yoga, TM, ESP, Hypnosis (Hindu god Shiva) Worship of the creation (Idolatry) (Romans 1:25, "who exchanged the truth of god for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.") Those practicing: Hatred Contentions, e.g. Quarrelsome Jealousies Outbursts of wrath Selfish ambitions **Dissensions (causing fights)** Heresies, e.g. Jehovah Witnesses and Mormons Envy Murders, e.g. Deliberate unnecessary abortion Drunkenness Revelries (wild parties) (Galatians 5:20-21) Cowardly (refuse to follow Christ) Unbelieving Abominable Sexually immoral Liars (Revelation 21:8)

34. God offers us His grace and forgiveness if we will truly repent.

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