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Update: It looks like the BOP, (Bureau of Prisons) will be moving Joe and I to separate Half-Way Houses. Jordan was moved Tuesday and is still travelling to his final destination which he doesn't know yet. Jonathan will be the only one in this building unless he is moved soon. Pray he is and to a camp. The Half-way houses have much more freedom. I can visit Churches, go out to shop to buy clothes. (We don't have any). to Dentist, to different offices I need to go to like Social Security with permission, of course. They took my Social security the last 3 years without even being to trial or convicted. I think that is just wrong! That money would have come in handy. It was about \$30,000! We will have different needs at the Half-way houses as far as expenses are concerned. We will keep everyone informed of what are needs will be. We will be able to have a phone to communicate with so many that we weren't able to from here. The BOP gives us a Debit card of what funds we have in our Prison account when we leave. The problem is we don't have anything. We are starting over from scratch, but the Lord has taken care of us and our families these past 45 months and we know he has a plan for taking care of us in the future. I was thinking also of volunteering at a rescue mission to preach and help out. Pray for Joe and I to leave soon from here. Please pray for us daily.

Many people believe that God has lost control saying, If His promises are true then where is He? Or Why so much wrong, suffering and evil in this world? Did God change His plan for the world based on the world's response to Him? I'm here to tell you that based on the Word of God everything the Lord has planned for this world and prophecy IS happening exactly the way has planned in intricate detail and according to His purpose since the beginning of Creation!

In Ecclesiastes 3:14, This is explained very well by the wisest man that ever lived under the inspiration of the Spirit of God!

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth IT SHALL BE FOR EVER: NOTHING can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, THAT MEN SHOULD FEAR HIM." (emphasis mine)

From Adam and Eve partaking of the forbidden fruit, Cain Killing Abel, God destroying the world and starting over with Noah and his family, Moses before Pharaoh, the wilderness journeys of the children of Israel for 40 years, David with Bathsheba, The destruction of the Temple, the Babylonian captivity, to God working it out for Jesus to be born in Bethlehem EXACTLY and many more events where God said He would be born were all known by God beforehand! Nothing has happened in the history of this world that surprised the Lord whatsoever!

The crucifixion and death of Jesus was what God had planned. In fact, it was His "eternal

purpose" which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord, Ephesians 3:11. All this was planned "before the foundation of the world", I Peter 3:20. He is the only One that knows "The beginning from the end" because He is the Alpha, (The beginning) and the Omega, (The End). If Satan knew God's plan and purpose was to have Jesus sacrificed then he would NOT have pushed the Jews to see Him crucified. If and of "the princes of this world" knew God's plan "They would not have crucified the Lord of Glory", I Corinthians 2:8.

God's prophetic purposes require certain events to take place in human history like Jerusalem being rebuilt certain event had to take place right? For the future Temple to be built Israel has to be back in their land in the last days which they are before the Book of Revelation. Certain events took place like the Holocaust to make sure the children of Israel were allowed to go back to their land! In 1918, the Balfour declaration gave permission for Jews to return to Israel, their homeland. Do you think that the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D took God by surprise or was it His plan? The Spanish Inquisition that put to death 60+ million True Believers and it was known by God before it happened! The U.N accepting Israel as a nation in 1948 was the will of God to have them back in their land. The fact that the U.S. has helped Israel is part of God's purpose for Israel and the U.S.

The Lord will use ALL these things and many more in the History of the world. The good, the bad, the Godly and the ungodly - to bring about the fulfillment of His Purposes. So whenever things appear out of control and you're tempted to fear, be at peace. It is a sign to you that, in the end every evil WILL BE OVERCOME, every purpose of God will be fulfilled, the good will prevail, and the history of this will conform to the plans of Heaven with the intricate precision of God!

In Jeremiah 29:11, The Lord wrote to Israel and to all those those that follow Him these words of His intentions for His people. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saithe the Lord, thoughts of peace, and NOT OF EVIL, to give you an expected end". That is the end He has planned and purposed for each one of us!

The Hebrew word for "thoughts" is the word "Machashabah" which means intricately woven. We DO NOT know anymore than what daily comes to pass in our lives but God is doing a work in our lives for good especially when we continually loving and serving Him! He wants the best for us.

* "For we know that ALL THINGS work together for GOOD to them that love god and to them are the called according to His PURPOSE", Romans 8:28 He works in our lives as we follow Him faithfully. He is weaving a beautiful tapestry of our lives! Have you ever looked at the back of a oriental rug? It looks like a bunch of unorganized and unrelated threads that have no beauty or design but when you turn it over there is a beautiful design! He is doing that for each one of us if we let Him.

Our lives are being designed and woven by God in what we think are unrelated events and we can't understand many times what is being done but one day God will reveal what He made in is! Jeremiah 29:11, says He wants it to bring peace NOT evil. If our lives are NOT beautiful and peaceful then that was NOT His purpose and that is our doing and NOT His will. That is why it is essential and imperative that we Heed and Obey the Word of God in our lives. For our benefit Not God's! Paul the Apostle, put it this way. "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor in NOT in vain in the Lord", I Corinthians 15:58 (emphasis mine) You see again it is for our benefit that we walk with Him. It doesn't make God any Holier! Paul told Timothy to " Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth (in the battle for the Lord, entangleth himself in the affairs of this life: that he may PLEASE him who hath chosen him to be soldier", II Timothy 2:3&4.

We know and have seen that God's plan and purpose for this world will end EXACTLY the way He has planned from Genesis to Revelation and end with Him creating a New Heaven and a NEW Earth. "He shall dwell with them (True Believers), and they shall be His People, and God shall wipe away ALL tears from their eyes, and there shall be NO MORE DEATH, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall thee be any more pain, for the

former things are passed away", Rev 21:3&4 (Emphasis mine) This WILL happen in the end 100%. Maybe even sooner than most think!

Now, let me show you the power of the greatest gift God has given man and that is the FREE WILL to choose. Only man can limit and change the plan of God FOR THEIR LIVES ONLY, NOT His plan for the world! The Lord wants ALL men to be saved.

* Not willing that ANY perish, but ALL (Men) should come to repentance", II Peter 3:9

* But now commanded ALL men everywhere to repent", Acts 17:30

* Who would that ALL men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth", I Timothy 2:4

So why are the majority of mankind perishing, NOT saved and NOT repenting? Is that NOT God's plan? Could it be man's FREE WILL? This Free will of man gives him the power to reject God, disobey God and even deny God! Yet that doesn't change the fact that God wants ALL men saved and come to Him. Man has to come to Him of His own Free Will. Look in Psalm 78:38-41. The children of Israel "Provoked", "Grieved", "Tempted" to the point where in verse 41 it states that they "LIMITED the Holy One of Israel" BY THEIR DISOBEDIENCE! SO MAN CAN LIMIT GOD IN HIS OR HER LIFE? What does that mean?

God has a plan for you, a wonderful and beautiful plan for your life as He has told us. By NOT following His will for your life He can't and won't be able to accomplish in you what He wants to do! Do you understand the ramifications of that? Man can choose Heaven or choose Hell by their acceptance of Him and Jesus' sacrifice or by their rejection of Him and Jesus' sacrifice! I can't tell you how many people I've talk to and seen in 45 years that had an opportunity to follow the Lord and said no! How many had an opportunity to be saved and said in their hearts - NO! True believers with amazing talents and would NOT submit to God's to go and do what He wanted them to do and said NO! It is a sad thing to see but there are so many saying NO to God today! Many had excuses like, I need to provide for my family. I don't have time, I'm not called I am a layman. I will support others to go to the mission field but I won't go! My spouse wouldn't allow me to do that she'll leave me!

My friends, everyone one us is "called" t share the Gospel Not just a select few. All of us have been commanded by God to witness maybe NOT to be a Pastor of a Church but every believer has been given the order to "Go into ALL the world, Matthew 28:19&20. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me", Acts 1:8 You can say what you want but one day you'll have to look at the scars in His hands and what He did for you and tell Him why you didn't share what He did with everyone everywhere every moment you could!

God is NOT looking for ability but availability. He is looking for a heart that puts HIM first, others second and him or herself last. Paul said about a man named Demas, Demas has forsaken me having loved this present world. I believe that is probably the main reason people don't surrender completely to the Lord. They love this world and their lifestyle more than they love the Lord! That is why in I John 2:15&16 we are told to NOT love this world and to NOT follow the "Lust of the flesh", "Pride of Life" and "Lust of the eyes" because that will lead us away from Him being the center of our lives. One or all of these things if NOT controlled by the Spirit of God can become a distraction and take us out of God's plan for our life! Heed to what it says in Galatians 5:16, "Walk in the Spirit and ye shall Not fulfill the lusts of the flesh". also in Gal. 5:24, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lust. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit".

My friends, the choice is ours to follow Christ with all our heart, souls, mind and strength or NOT! ALL TRUE believers shall stand before the "judgment seat of Christ" and "receive the things done in the body according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad". II

Corinthians 5:10. If GOOD, there are rewards in this life and in Heaven, and if BAD a believer will suffer in this life i.e. lack of peace, guidance, protection, Spiritual strength and blessing and then in Heaven. But the opposite is true if we COOSE to follow Him, my friends so consider what is being said here. Read on your own I Cor. 3:11-15 to see the result of both type of believers, OBEDIENT ones and DISOBIENT ones and remember the choice was theirs. God wanted ALL his children to follow Him whole heartedly but the

FREE WILL OF MAN IS A POWERFUL THING!

May the Lord guide you all!

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Proverbs 3:5&6

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