



## ***“Come and See” Daily Devotional***

### **Unchanging Plans of God (II)**

*“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.”* (Jeremiah 29:11, New King James Version).

This is the key Bible verse for the **“Come and See”** devotional today.

The first part of this message shows that your entire life has been written and concluded even before you were born. While assuring Jeremiah that his assignment as a prophet was not by accident, God said: *“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.”* (Jeremiah 1:5, New King James Version). You are on God’s divine agenda.

When faced with trials, our first reaction is to ask the question *“Why?”* We often protest to God with questions such as: *“Why me?”* We forget that God’s plans include challenges, tests and trials. In fact, these always precede the outcome of His purpose for your life. We read: *“when you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; nor shall the flame scorch you.”* (Isaiah 43:2, New King James Version).

This suggests that trials are inevitable in the life of a believer. The only difference between trials of an unbeliever and a child of God is the end result. Your challenges have a pre-arranged successful outcome and your current situation will change from anguish to success. Apostle Paul wrote: *“for I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”* (Romans 8:18, New King James Version). Your temporary challenges cannot define your destiny.

The Bible further states: *“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.”* (Romans 8:28, New King James Version). Here, the Almighty God chose His words carefully and He truly meant *“All Things”* as stated in this Bible verse. These include common challenges such as hunger, joblessness and sickness. These episodes cannot stop the successful outcome already predetermined for your future (*read Job 8:7*).

God cannot be obstructed by situations arising on earth. Sarah, Hannah, Manoah and Elizabeth appeared to be unable to have children but this did not stop the fulfilment of God’s plan of fruitfulness in their lives. In the same manner, the plans of God as written in His words for your life shall be fulfilled. Just trust Him wholeheartedly. We read in 3 John 1:2: *“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health just as your soul prospers.”* (New King James Version).

Let us pray: *“Father, I thank you for your beautiful thoughts towards me. By your mercy, let your plans and purpose be fulfilled in my life,”* in Jesus’ Mighty Name, Amen.

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