

The Best Laid Plans Are . . . God's

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Jeremiah is often seen as a book devoted to doom and gloom. Jeremiah is known as the “Weeping Prophet,” however his books are not all negative. In fact, they highlight a positive theme that resounds throughout the rest of the Bible. The message is that God has a plan for each of us just as He had a plan for Jesus. The book of Jeremiah begins with God saying “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) In Israel’s darkest hour God still gave them hope. A passage many know, love, and make magnets out of is Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know what I have planned for you,” says the LORD. ‘I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope.’ This passage is a profound statement of God’s never ending wisdom in that God has given each of us a purpose on this earth. This passage is so very encouraging because it tells us that not one of our lives is meaningless. This theme reoccurs in Ephesians when Paul says, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Not only are we created in His image we are all given His work to do, work that God has prepared even before we were even born. God’s insight and forethought never ceases to amaze me in that He has set us all a function like a cell in the body of the church, each building, helping, and strengthening the body that is the church. He does incomprehensible amounts for every one of us and yet asks so little in return. In love and submission to Him we should allow His plans to be realized through our lives as servants of His. As someone who is just now beginning to make plans for the future I am beginning to see what a comfort it is to know that God has all ready made plans for me and that if I serve Him God will see to it that my life will be useful in His service.

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