GOD HAS A PURPOSE

It is not in vain

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You must know and realize beyond a shadow of a doubt that God has a Purpose for your Life! In His eyes, you are no accident. You were born and was brought into this world for a reason! No matter what the devil ever tells you, your Life is Not in Vain! God has a Purpose. You are made in the similitude of God, created for His Glory. God never makes a failure. There is potential that lies deep in your Heart that your maker put there. The only way you are a failure is because you quit and give up! You are not a failure dear Soul – you are bearing God’s image to this world. I want to ask you – how far back can you trace the Love of God for you? The Psalmist **David** said in **Psalms 139** – “Lord, you know all about me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up. You know what path I’m on. You know where I’ve been and where I’m headed. You understand every thought I think. There’s nowhere I could ever go from thy Spirit. If I should take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there would be your hand to help me and hold me. When I’m in my hardest times and darkness covers me, even in my midnight hour you’re there to shine a light all around me! You saw me Lord way before I was ever born. Before I ever came along, You formed me and fashioned me in my mother’s womb and you wrote my little members down in your book even before they took shape. You knew all about me – how tall I would grow, what color eyes I would have and even the size shoes I would wear. Oh how precious are thy thoughts unto me O God and how great are the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand. Dear Lord, I’ve come to the conclusion that if you took notice of me when my substance came together in the womb and you Loved me that much before I ever came along then you still love me now! You have never given up on me. My life is not in Vain and no matter what I face or am going through, you have a Purpose for me!”

**Jer. 29:11** – God spoke through Jeremiah the prophet to His chosen people, “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” What’s God saying to you in this verse? You’re in my Heart, I Love you – I want to keep you – I never want to lose you – my Plan is to give you a Good Ending. When the dust settles and the last battle is fought, you’re coming out on top a winner, with victory, power and blessing! I’m telling some readers right now, you don’t have to let the devil push you down and take away a blessed future. Don’t let the enemy of your soul tell you that your efforts are useless, that you’re not getting anywhere and your life is vain. He will try to tell you that you are not important – why don’t you just give up. No! No! I want to tell you again, you are important to the Lord and He’s not done with you. He’s got greater things in store, not only here but most of all in Heaven and that you surely don’t want to miss!

**THE PROPHET JEREMIAH**

 Let’s look at the Prophet Jeremiah for a moment. Let’s ask him – “Was it easy dear Prophet for you to serve God and obey His calling in your life? Did everything go smooth? Did you ever have battles, go through hard times and wonder if you were really called? Did you ever feel unworthy and that your life was in vain, and that your ministry and efforts were useless? Did you ever say to yourself – I’m not that important to God or anybody else, I’m a failure? I don’t see anything good coming out of my labors, what’s the use in sacrificing and going on, it’s not doing any good, might as well quit? Did he feel that way?

 O but listen to what God said about you Jeremiah even before you were ever born! In **Jeremiah 1** – The Lord spoke to him before He ever called him into the Ministry and said – “Jeremiah, before I formed thee in the belly, in your mother’s womb, I knew thee. Before you ever came along I saw your substance just like I did David’s and every other person. I saw you in my mind in eternity past – I still see you today and I’m looking into your future. I planned for you. You are mine, I have called you and ordained you. I have given you a ministry. I have given you my words and put them in your mouth what to say to others to help them and bring them to me. You are my witness and my light Jeremiah.”

 I want you to know dear reader – God sees your very makeup, you are human and you are not perfect, you’re weak and frail – just flesh and blood but God has got a lot invested in you. You are His vessel and His instrument. He wants all your heart! Just look to Him, don’t look at your circumstances, don’t look at others but trust Him dear soul! He doesn’t want you to let the devil run over top of you. Don’t doubt God’s love for you. I know that pride is to be avoided when serving God but so many people have such low self-esteem and view themselves as unworthy and not good enough that it robs them of many blessings. It not only robs them, but robs God of what He wants to do with them and through them.

 Jeremiah was around 17 years old when God appeared to him and called him into the Ministry. “But I cannot speak – for I am a child.” In other words, you’ve got the wrong one Lord, I’m not strong enough nor good enough – I can’t do it! But the Lord said – “Say not I am a child.” God reached out and touched Jeremiah’s mouth and said – “Go Jeremiah, the people need you. They need to hear from me through you. They need to see me Jeremiah in you. You are my vessel. Don’t say you can’t, don’t hold back!” Notice Jeremiah’s name in the Hebrew is “Yirmeyahu” which means “The one whom the Lord Yahweh hurls forth!” Six hundred and fifty years (650) before Jesus was ever born, Jeremiah was called and sent preaching to his people. This blessed man was known in history as the weeping prophet, crying day and night warning his nation and the people to turn to God. He preached, he cried and pleaded for 40 long years and not once did he see any results or success in changing peoples’ backslidden hearts. So to speak, he preached to a brick wall – they would not heed. He could not win them, could not turn them from their idols that possessed their hearts. That would make anybody question themselves and their calling. (What if this was you dear reader? Would you doubt your calling? Would you think your life was useless and your work vain? Would you feel there was no use in going on?) In the Book of **Jeremiah, chapter 11** This man was rejected by his neighbors. **Jer. 12** – rejected by his family. **Jer. 20** – rejected by false priests and prophets and rejected by friends. **Jer. 36** – Rejected by kings. **Jer. 37** – thrown into prison. **Jer. 38** – thrown into the bottom of a well and his feet sunk down in the mire.

This precious soul that God called and loved was in constant loneliness, he walked alone – he suffered alone. He sunk in the mire and his isolation got the best of him. He became totally discouraged and thought his efforts were not making any difference to the people he was called to reach out and minister to. His emotions and strength was spent. What if you were in this man’s situation? What if those you tried to help would not listen? What if you saw no answer to your prayers, Your efforts, and pleadings were to no avail? Would you question and wonder about your calling? Is it worth it? Why did you ever call me Lord? I see no good coming out of my life – IT’S ALL IN VAIN! Why the pain Lord, not one good thing is coming out of my sacrifice and my Faithfulness!

 Did you know that you can get so low that you wish you had never been born? Your troubles can pile up on you and the load can get so heavy that you feel totally useless, unloved and no good! You begin to feel that nobody cares, no one understands. Everything is vain!

 Listen to this precious soul. Remember, he was flesh and blood just like you and I. **Jer. 15;10** – Woe is me, my mother that thou hast borne me, a man of strife and a man of contention to the Whole Earth. **20:14** – Cursed be the day wherein I was born. Let not the day my mother bare me be blessed. I wish God had slayed me in the womb. Oh that the womb had been my grave, that I had never came out. Why was I born? Why did I come forth to see labor and sorrow and my days be consumed with shame?

 Look at this man close my friend and you will see yourself in him at times in your life. You can get so low that your feelings turn to self-abhorrence and you turn against the whole world.

 So what does Jeremiah do? He now turns his attention to God! In his feelings of utter uselessness and worthlessness, he confronts the Lord who called him. Look what you made Lord! I’m a failure – I’m no good for nothing! Why did you even call me? **Jer. 20:7** – O Lord, thou has deceived me. I am a derision. (I’m not wanted. People hate me and don’t want me around. They don’t like me. They laugh and make fun of me. They’ll look to the other prophets and listen to them but they don’t want to hear me. My Ministry is no good, no profit in it. It’s just all in Vain! Ever since I’ve preached and cried out – the Word of the Lord, my Message was a reproach unto me daily.) **Vs 9** – Then I said – I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name. That’s it, I’m finished. It’s all in Vain. I am quitting. I’m no good to myself or others, my prayers and tears have made no difference. Nothing has changed! Why go on?

 But O dear Child of God - you who are reading this - God is the Saving strength of His Anointed. He knows where you are. He has not forgotten you. The gifts and the callings of God are without repentance. The Sweet Holy Ghost is still real and genuine. God never calls you to forsake you. He’ll not lose you nor leave you!! You are still His! The Spirit of the Living God will keep you alive, He won’t let you die. He’s with you in the prison, He’s there in your affliction, His arm reaches to you in the pit. His presence is there in your darkness. YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO HIM! Your life is not in Vain Child of God. He will give you GRACE to continue on. God never makes a failure. You are Worth Something to the Lord that made you!! Hallelujah, this writer feels His Divine Presence and His Love reaching to you right where you are!

 Now listen to what Jeremiah goes on to say: **Vs. 9** – But His Word was in My Heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones and I was weary with forebearing and I could not stay! (Jeremiah was saying – I’ve come to the conclusion that this old world is going to do what they want to do but it isn’t going to hinder me. My Lord called me years ago and I felt His Holy power. He made His anointing and presence real to me. He put His desire and fire in my Heart and I’m not letting anyone or anything put it out. Jeremiah said – I might have set down for a while, but I had to get up. I couldn’t stay there. There was something in my heart that wouldn’t let me give up and quit. A flicker of the flame was there the whole time until I got my bearings and realizes God really did Love me! I’m going on now until the Lord is finished with me and calls me home!

 Listen dear reader, you cannot accurately judge that you’re in the will of God only when things go smooth and good! If that was the case, you would have to do away with 95% of your Bible. There has never been a Child of God that hasn’t questioned and tried to analyze their situations and wondered – reaching out and feeling for God! Can I tell you to hold on and keep going – it is not in Vain! There is coming a blessed afterward. For the very fact that your Faith is being tried and you’re being fought means that have something the devil doesn’t like! He doesn’t like you or what you stand for. He doesn’t like the God you serve. If he is fighting your mind with doubt, it must mean he wants you to give up!

 Listen to David in **Psalms 31** – In thee O Lord do I put my trust. I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy. For thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities. My times are in thy Hand – save me! Oh how great is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear and trust in thee. **Psalms 71** – For thou art my Hope O Lord my God. Thou art my trust from my youth. By thee I have been holden up from the womb. Thou art He that took me out of my mothers bowels. I am as a wonder unto many. Thou which hast showed me great and sore troubles shalt quicken me again and bring me up from the depths of the earth. I am continually with thee. Thou hast holden me by my right hand and shalt afterward receive me to Glory!

**1Co 15:58** ¶ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in Vain in the Lord.

**Ga 6:9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

 As the writer of these Newsletters, I deal with many subjects. I pray and ask God to help my readers and encourage them to Keep on Serving God. It will all pay off very soon. May God Bless and Keep you in His Grace and I know He will!