

Greater is He
Part 3
“God has a great Plan”

Isaiah 46 NIV

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all the remnant of the people of Israel,
you whom I have upheld since your birth,
and have carried since you were born.

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Even to your old age and gray hairs
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

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I make known the end from the beginning,
from ancient times, what is still to come.
I say, ‘My purpose will stand,
and I will do all that I please.’

- We often look at life as it happens, we process it as it comes...
- We see things in linear motion... (This leads to this, which leads to this, and so on...)
- We read from left to right
- We understand things from start to finish

Vs. 10

I make known the end from the beginning,

- God understands things from finish to start
- He makes known the end from the beginning...
- He knows the end that he has planned and is already there...

- He knows the end from the beginning; thus the Book of Revelation
- God has an ordained end in mind for your life and works all things in reverse order to get you from point A to point B.

Psalm 139

16

Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

- God saw Joseph a ruler in Egypt; So he gave Joseph a dream as a young boy. He shared it with his brothers and they hated him for it. Joseph didn't understand the challenges and difficulties that would come, but that was part of the process to get Joseph to the purpose God had for him. His days were ordained before one of them came to be.
- God saw Moses a Deliverer; So he rescued Moses from a basket in the Nile River and placed him into the hands of Pharaoh daughter in Pharaohs palace. Everything else that ensued in Moses' life was part of the work that prepared Moses for what God had for him. His days were ordained before one of them came to be.

God knows your purpose
God knows what it is that you were meant for.

I believe God has a finished picture for your life.
That he has a purpose and plan for your life and works all things
together for that plan to be fulfilled.

A Master Builder begins with a picture in their mind.
There is a picture inside of what they want.
God has a picture inside of what he wants for you.

Often times when an artist begins painting on a canvas it is hard to understand what is being portrayed until the end, then it all makes sense.

Abraham didn't understand where God was calling him.

Joseph didn't understand the betrayal of his brothers.

Moses didn't understand the desert.

Jacob didn't understand his Uncle Laban

I came to tell you something today: You don't always have to understand, but do you have to trust...

Romans 8 NIV

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **29** **For those God foreknew** he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he (Christ) might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **30** **And those he predestined**, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

He Foreknew... That means before you were, He knew...

He Predestined... That means before you became, He planned...

Ephesians 2

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

We have some big words here:

Foreknew

Predestined

Ordained

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*all the days **ordained** for me were written in your book*

before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:16

Ordained: *Hebrew Lexicon*; to form, fashion, as a potter forms the clay.

“The Devil is scared to death of God’s plans and works tirelessly to hinder what God has ordained.”

God has a plan for your life...

Everyone in the Bible that God had a great plan for the enemy tried to Block, Distract, Tempt, Discourage & Stop

- Block (Israel at the Red Sea)
- Distract & Tempt (Samson)
- Discouraged (Elijah at Mt. Horeb)
- Stop (The Apostles were told to Stop preaching in Jesus name)

Israel shook off the Egyptians in the Red Sea

Samson shook himself when the Philistines came upon him.

Elijah on the Mountain shook off discouragement

The place was shaken where the disciples prayed and they all filled with the Holy Spirit.

It reminds me of the story of the Farmer and the Donkey

Story: Farmer and the Donkey

IF the devil tries to Block you - Shake it off and Step on it

IF the world tries to Distract & Tempt you - Shake it off and Step on it

IF the enemy tries to Discouraged you - Shake it of and Step on it

Have you ever felt like a failure - Shake it of and Step on it

Have you ever felt lonely and afraid - Shake it of and Step on it

Have you ever been offended and angry - Shake it of and Step on it

Have you ever felt like you were the least qualified to be used by God -

Shake it of and Step on it

“People will admire because of your strengths but connect with you because of your weakness.”

Has life happened to you?

Has life not always been easy?

My Mom would say - “Welcome to Planet Earth”

Don't let the things you've gone through make you bitter, let them make you better...

I believe God wants to bring healing and victory over everything hurt, pain and failure in your life and ultimately use it for his glory.

Remember “all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Before Joseph was a ruler he was a prisoner

Before Abraham was a father of many nations he was childless

Before Moses was a Deliverer he was a Refugee.

Closing:

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He makes known your end from your beginning
Has the enemy tried to Block, Distract, Tempt or Stop you?
God is the one who sustains you and rescues you...
God has a plan for your life and he is faithful till the end...

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

God will finish the work in you that he began...

Prayer

- Lord help us to continue to live a surrendered life
- Lord help us to be obedient to your plan for our lives
- Lord help us to be wise and discerning about your will and not allow anything to prevent or get in the way of what pleases you.
- God give us a determination to see your will carried out in our lives.

Greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world...