



Sermon Series: Life Changing Lessons

Sermon Title: Eternity to Eternity in 25 Minutes

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No matter how unpopular God may be in culture, God and His plans cannot be “canceled.” Nothing can derail it. His timing is also perfect **Isaiah 14:27**

Big Idea: Because God's plans can't be canceled, nothing need ever trouble you.

We examine two aspects of our that idea.

Aspect #1: The Unshakable Nature of God's Plan

God's plans will come to pass. **Job 42:2, Proverbs 21:30, Ephesians 1:11**

Anyone who thinks he can obstruct, or defeat God's plan ends up injuring himself. **1 Samuel 2:10a**

God's plan is based on His knowledge of everything that will occur, or could occur. His plan includes seemingly insignificant details. God has everything covered, from Genesis to Revelation. Time, circumstances and situations cannot hinder God, the MAKER of all things.

Aspect #2: The Overview of God's Grand Plan

Psalms 121:4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

If we want to grasp what God is doing, we must look back... way back to “the time before time.” **Genesis 1:1**

God, Himself had no beginning. Impossible for us, as finite beings, to grasp the One who is infinite. Psalm 10:16

Before He created anything else, God created a class of beings we call “angels.” God endowed one angel with striking beauty and power. God named him Lucifer. Lucifer eventually shifted his focus from God to himself and decided he would become “**like the Most High**” (Isa 14:14).

He persuaded 1/3 of the angels of heaven to side with him. His name changed from Lucifer to “Satan”. Satan established a counterfeit kingdom of his own.

Satan's strategy is to mimic the works of God, often playing the classic do-gooder. **Isa 14:14** cites his very first ambition: "I will be like the Most High."

God created human beings and placed them in a Garden and endowed them with ability either to follow Him or rebel. The only prohibition: **Don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**" (Gen 2:17). Adam and Eve declared their independence from God's will, and brought about a cosmic disaster.

This resulted in "The Fall"...Death enters the world.

God could have prevented this, but He didn't. Why? We won't know the full story until the close of history. But we do know that God was authoring a drama that would brilliantly highlight His glory. He would set in motion a plan to redeem and reclaim a Kingdom corrupted by sin.

God set in motion a plan that would culminate His own suffering on through the death of God the Son, Jesus Christ on THE CROSS. **2 Corinthians 5:21**

The blood sacrifices we read about in the OT all look forward to the cross. And God the Father placed His seal of approval and authority on that sacrifice when God the Son rose victoriously from the grave. **1 John 2:2**

God is now at work in and through His people, the Church, the Bride of Christ. When one person is willing to live the truth of the gospel, it is authoritative. When a believer truly lives for Jesus it expands the credibility and domain of God's real kingdom.

The Bible teaches that Jesus, died, rose again, sent His Holy Spirit to indwell us, and that He is coming again. If we could scroll the prophetic calendar forward, what's next?

Jesus will gloriously appear and come a 2nd time. Paul in **Titus 2:12-13** urges us to

"live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the Blessed Hope – the Glorious Appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."

The 2nd coming of Jesus is followed by several distinct events.

The earth will be renovated to a pristine condition. Christ will rule personally on earth for 1000 yrs. After that will take place the destruction of Satan's Kingdom, the Final Judgment of the unsaved, and the merging of our current space-time dimension with the eternal dimension of God's reign.

Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **Genesis records God told Adam not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If only Eve ate from the tree would sin have entered the world?**
- **Was Adams disobedience part of God's plan?**
- **If God is in control of all things how can people be held accountable for their choices?**
- **Has there ever been a time in your life where you wished you could change God's plans? Explain**
- **Describe a time when you are grateful that God does not change His plans**