

He Performs What He Planned for My Life

(Job 23:14)



The words of Job spoken thousands of years ago still resonate strongly in our ears today when we read them. He desired that his words were written; that they were inscribed in a book; that with an iron pen and lead they were graven in the rock forever (Job 19: 23-24). Yes, God heard the prayer of His righteous servant, Job and years later, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Job's words were inscribed in a book that has lasted thousands of years. They have encouraged many in their valleys and strengthened their faith because they came from a man in his suffering and not in his days of prosperity. He said, He performs [that He has] planned for me, and of many such matters He is mindful (Job 23:14). Job could see beyond all God's faithfulness in completing in him His purpose for what He created him. He knew that God was aware and mindful of all his sufferings. We are blessed to have these words written in order to know without a doubt that God is aware and mindful of everything that happens to us, too. When God created a life, He created with a purpose. The destiny of every one is written in His book. David said, Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all

the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them (Psalm 139:16). Every human life is precious to Him; He was involved in every detail of creating us. He formed our inward parts; He knit us together in our mother's womb... (Psalm 139:14a). After all, He gave us life. Not one single life created – born or unborn is a waste.

The Lord waits to be gracious to us. His plans crafted carefully for each one of us are to prosper and to give us a hope in the performance of His will. In love He created us; in love He wants to lead and fulfill our destiny with good things and a good future. In the path of righteousness men see the goodness of the Lord even in difficult times, because the Lord sees the affliction of men and takes note of his distresses. God causes everything to be for the purpose of His will. The life that follows the path ordained by God enjoys blessings and spiritual prosperity. He is faithful to show the path that leads to life. Blessed is the man whose delights are in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates by day and by night; he shall be like a tree firmly planted by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper (Psalm 1).

The Psalmist asked God to teach him His way and lead him in a plain path (Psalm 27:11). One prayer that comes to the ear of our Lord is a prayer of submission. Blaming God for our mistakes because of our disobedience to Him, is irresponsible and a life void of blessings. Our will, outside of God's will is never guided into the right path. We must desire His guidance for Him to lead us. Who is the man who fears and worships the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way that he should choose. He himself shall dwell at ease, and his offspring shall inherit the land; the secret of the Lord have they who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant and reveal to them its meaning (Psalm 25:12-14). YAHSHUA said, The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me (John 10:27). In close relationship with our Lord we can hear His voice and He will make known to us His ways. He will perform and accomplish His purpose in our destiny.

In His priestly prayer, the Lord YAHSHUA said these of His disciples: I have manifested Your name to the people whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they obeyed and kept Your word; for the words that You gave Me I have given them; and they have received

and accepted and have come to know positively and in reality that I came forth from Your presence, and they have believed and are convinced that You did send Me (John 17: 6,8). When YAHSHUA spoke in parables, because of the hardness of the Jewish people, the disciples came to Him asking, Why do You speak to them in parables? And He replied to them, To you it has been given to know the secrets and mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him will more be given and he who will be furnished richly so that he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away... For this nation's heart has grown gross and their ears heavy and difficult of hearing and their eyes they have tightly closed, lest they see and perceive with their eyes and hear and comprehend the sense with their ears, and grasp and understand with their heart, and turn and I should heal them (Matt. 13:11-12, 15).

We want God to hear our prayers and answer them. Why should He, when we have grown indifferent and deaf to His voice? I came to understand that many of my prayers are already answered in the pages of God's word. My part is to follow the way it leads, as we read in Jeremiah 7:23: ... Listen to and obey My voice, and I will be your God and you will be My people; and **walk in the whole way that I command you, that it may be well with you;** Stand by the roads and look; and ask for the eternal paths, where the good, old way is; **then walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls...** (Jer. 6:16). Unfulfilled destinies are a result of disobedience, for the most part. It is never God's fault that we live an unfulfilled life. The believer has an obligation to the army of God. Many of us are sitting on the back pews and letting a few do the work. Rise up O soldiers of Christ; follow the commands of YAHSHUA and let Him fulfill your destiny. Walk the direction He leads you "that it may be well with you!"

Let not the word of God depart from your heart; "meditate on it day and night that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it, for then you shall make your way prosperous and then you shall deal wisely and have good success" (Joshua 1: 8). Seek above all the things that pertain to God: His direction, His will and allow Him to perform what He planned for your life.

THINK ABOUT IT!