

MADE FOR A PURPOSE

March 24, 2013 Jeremiah 29:11-14 by Bob Branch

MAIN IDEA: You were made on purpose, with a purpose, to join God in His great purposes.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the LORD... **Jeremiah 29:11-14**

1. God has PLANS for your life.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10

2. God's plans are full of HIS BLESSING and PURPOSE.

(Good, full-bodied, enriching, meaningful, purposeful.)

Plans to prosper. (1 Chr. 4:10)

NOT plans for harm.

A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I came to give life—life in all its fullness. **John 10:10** NCV

Blessed to be a blessing.

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." **Genesis 12:2-3**
(Philippians 2:13)

3. God's plans give you HOPE and a good FUTURE.

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. **Psalms 27:13** (Prov. 13:12; 1 Peter 1:3-4; Philippians 1:6)

Live in the present, with eternity in mind. (Rom. 8:18)

4. God's plans are not predetermined, but are invitations that are accessed through PRAYERFUL DEPENDENCE.

(Through intentionally seeking and finding Him)

v. 13 *You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

Attach yourself to me vitally

... seek first his kingdom and his righteousness **Matthew 6:33**

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened... If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! **Matthew 7:7-8, 11**