

“God Has a Master Plan”



In the beginning, the Bible lets us know that God had a master plan for our redemption. God knew that men would sin, and He prepared a way for us to get back to Him even before we recognized our need. That master plan was salvation through Jesus, who “became flesh and dwelt among us”.

While Jesus lived in the earth, He had this curious habit of **“going about doing good”**. He wasn’t interested in making people understand Him; even those who walked most closely with Him didn’t get it until He was gone. His purpose was to seek and to save those who were lost, and along the way, He healed some folk, fed some more, and even raised some from the dead. When preparing to return to the Father, He boldly declared that He had done everything that God had sent Him to do! That, my friends, was a job well-done. He walked out God’s master plan and set things in order for us.

Let that be our testimony – that we spend our time “going about doing good”. We are here in the earth for a purpose; well, how about that? It’s the same purpose that Jesus had, which was to seek and to save (through our witness) those who are lost. Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, Jesus told us that we would do even greater works than He did while He was here. At the end of our journey, will be able to affirm that we have done everything that God has sent us here to do? Will we have done our part in God’s master plan?

God does have a master plan. The apostle Paul wrote “we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28), so we be assured that His entire plan will come to pass. When we seek God’s face and find our place in that plan, He is pleased. An amazing thing happens when we walk in obedience to the Father. He sets us up for His blessings. When we purpose in our hearts to “go about doing good”, submitting our will to His, God is glorified. When God is glorified, His people are edified. He not only brings us into the company of great men, he favors us so that we stand out from the crowd. His glory gives us a radiance which cannot be denied. Going about doing good opens the door and paves the way for God to bless us, “exceedingly, abundantly above all that we can ask or think”.

How do you **thank God** when you are doing what He has placed in your heart to do, "going about doing good", and He just drops more blessings on you? What do you say when you are happy and at peace and filled with His joy, and He raises you up to another level? How do you give Him adequate praise when He picks you out to lift you up? I, like David, say, "I will pay my vows" (**Psalm 116:18**). Yes, Lord! I, like David, say, "I will enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise" (**Psalm 100:4**) Yes, Lord! I, like David, say, "I will bless the Lord at ALL times!" (**Psalm 34:1**) Yes, Lord!

Sir John Templeton said, "An attitude of gratitude creates blessings." I have so much to be grateful for. Thank You, Lord! If God never does anything else for me, He's already done enough. But each new day continues to bring new mercies. I will forever praise Him and continue "going about – doing good" to the praise and glory of God as I seek to fulfill my role in His master plan. Yes, Lord!

Deuteronomy 28: 1-2, (NKJV): *1.) Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. 2.) And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God.*

Psalm 118: 1; 4-6; 21-24; 29 (NKJV): *1.) O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: because His mercy endureth for ever.*

4.) Let them now that fear the LORD say, that His mercy endureth for ever. 5.) I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place. 6.) The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? 21.) I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. 23.) This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. 24.) This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. 29.) O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

Father, thank You that You are so good to us! You abundantly bless us, even giving us blessings which we didn't think to ask for. You open doors at the right time, and close others to prevent our mistakes. We are so grateful that You care enough for us to allow us to be an integral part of Your master

plan. Thank You that You are good, and Your mercy endures forever! In Jesus' name. Amen.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

**"THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS IS TO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS
WHILE OTHERS ARE ADDING UP THEIR TROUBLES."**

(William Penn)

Be blessed in the Lord!