

UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM

THEME SCRIPTURE

....."Many plans are in a man's mind, but it is the Lord's purpose for him that will stand. (Proverbs 19:20-21(AMP))

People do have plans set out to achieve. In these modern times, people set their hearts to achieve many things such as securing a great career, owning a car or properties etc. Most of these plans are to be carried out per time and season. However, the theme scripture shows us that despite many plans in our hearts, only the purpose of the Lord will stand.

Now, what is Purpose? The word purpose means the reason for which something is done or created or existed. To further illustrate this, manufacturers make products with specific purpose in mind, for example footwear were made to be worn for different activities/events and for every product there is an intention in the mind of the manufacturers. In the same way, God made man for a purpose, there is an intention in the mind of God for your existence. Your plans are useless, if they do not fulfil God's purpose(s) because only God's purpose will stand.

GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN

God has an intention for his creation. In Matthew 6v 9-13; reveals Gods intention; "Our father who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". This explains that God's original plan is to establish his kingdom reign on earth and for man to oversee it as his representative. God's original plan is all about his kingdom & his will dominating & ruling the earth just as it is in heaven.

The purpose of the coming of Jesus was to establish the kingdom, all that he did and said were directed towards the kingdom. The bible says in Matthew 4 v17 "From time-to-time Jesus began to preach; "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand". It's important to note that the death of Jesus was not God's original plan, God's kingdom had already been established but man lost his dominion when he fell, this led to the need of the death of Jesus. What this means is that, if Adam & Eve had not disobeyed God, there wouldn't have been any need for Jesus to be sacrificed to bring mankind back to God(redemption).



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The theme scripture states that only God's purpose will stand, God's purpose is his Kingdom! Nothing can stand in the way of God's kingdom reign which is his ultimate purpose. The bible says in Matthew 24 v 35; says heaven and earth will pass away but God's words would never pass away. God's purpose, his will, his intention and his kingdom have no end! Glory to God. Hallelujah!

ARE YOUR PLANS IN LINE WITH THE PURPOSE OF GOD FOR THIS TIME'?

Dear believer, what are your plans? If your plans are not consistent with God's plan, they are useless, you may appear successful before the world, but you have successfully failed before God. In the time of Noah, Genesis 7 v1-24; the men God created to follow his principles, his idea and purpose began to make their own plans and started doing things in their own way, God was not pleased with them. Therefore, God raised Noah to build the ark, it took Noah 120 years to complete this assignment, yet the people were too busy with their plans irrespective of the fact that they could see the ark being built. The world was so busy, everything was so good buying and selling was taking place, recreation, childbirth, marriages, parties but they forgot about God's intention. You can be occupied with lots of activities and plans but don't forget, your plans are worthless if it's not fulfilling the will of God.

In conclusion, Christians are citizens of the Kingdom, not just believers. The name Christian was derived from a religious standpoint to describe those who are followers of Christ (Act 11:26). However, the word of God describes us not as believers but as kings & Priests, as citizens of the kingdom of God and as children of God on earth. Therefore, we are created to establish the Kingdom of God on earth; hence we must live in accordance with God's plans & purpose for us. Our duty as intercessors is to pray that the eye of understanding of the church be flooded with light to comprehend God's intention & his original purpose which is his Kingdom reign on earth through the Church (Ephesians 1 v18). Glory to God!