

God's Plan Will Stand

Commentary for March 1, 2025 — God Directs the Course of Events

God's plan is supreme. We can rest in knowing that what will come to pass, will be, and will be for the good of everyone involved.

In Ephesians 1:3-5, 7, 10-11 (KJV), we learn:

- He **"has blessed us with all spiritual blessings."**
- He **"has chosen us before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy."**
- He **"has predestined us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."**
- **"In whom, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."**
- **"In the dispensation of the fullness of times, He will gather together, in one, all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth."**
- **In Him, we are predestined, according to the purpose of Him, who works ALL THINGS after the counsel of His own will."**

Earlier, in Romans 8:28 (KJV) Paul wrote: **"We know that all things work together for good, for them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."**

There are many important decisions in life, choices to be made, for which we may not know the best route at that point in time. Therefore, we pray:

"... praying always, for everything [with] all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

Nevertheless, God's plan will stand. In Ezekiel 17:24 (KJV) we read:

"And all the trees of the field shall know that I, YHWH, have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I, YHWH, have spoken and have done it."

Further, in Ecclesiastes 1:15 (KJV), we read:

"That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered."

In Revelation 3:7-8 (KJV) the apostle John records these words he heard:

"These things says He that is holy, He that is true, He that has the key of David, he that opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;

I know your works: behold, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it."

In the Commentary, *You and Free Will*, by David Sielaff, it indicates, **"We have freedom only within a range of limited choices."**

We read of other examples where God had the final say:

- Abraham / Sarah (Genesis 18:1, 10–14) (KJV) — **the Lord appeared** to Abraham **and made it certain** that when He would return, and Sarah will have given birth to a son. Upon hearing these words (and being older in age), Sarah laughed. YHWH's response questioned Sarah's laughter. He answered, **"Is any thing too hard for the Lord?"** (verse 14). Later, we read, **"YHWH visited Sarah as He had said, and YHWH did unto Sarah as He had spoken"** (Genesis 21:1, KJV).
- The example of Zacharias / Elisabeth (Luke 1:11–13, 18–20, KJV) — an angel of YHWH appeared to Zacharias. When Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and full of fear.

"The angel said unto him,

'Fear not, Zacharias: for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elisabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.'

... Zacharias said to the angel,

'Whereby [how] shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.'

The angel said,

'I am Gabriel, that stand IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD; and am sent to speak unto you, and to show you these glad tidings. And behold, you shall be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, [why was this to be done?] because YOU BELIEVE NOT my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.'

This also demonstrates how essential faith and belief is. When God (or His representative) speaks, it will be so; the words will be fulfilled. Moreover, **WE** can have such assurances. **"And after those days, his wife Elisabeth conceived"** (Luke 1:24 KJV).

In Habakkuk 2:2–3 (KJV) an unusual event happened. The prophet Habakkuk asked a question to YHWH. He answered Habakkuk's question in clear words:

"And YHWH answered me, and said,

'Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run [understand the text] that reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: through it tarry, wait for it, as it will surely come.'

We can trust and have faith that God will lead us in the right direction. We should pray as well for this guidance. Whether we are unsure going into a decision, if it is the correct one, or in hindsight, we know, as indicated in Proverbs 16:9 (KJV): **"A man's heart devises his way: but YHWH directs his steps."**

Wisdom from Proverbs

Furthermore,

**“There is
NO wisdom,
NOR understanding,
NOR counsel AGAINST YHWH.”**

The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of YHWH.”

• *Proverbs 21:30–31 (KJV)*

In Proverbs we also have this statement:

**“There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless, the counsel of YHWH
 – THAT shall stand.”**

• *Proverbs 19:21 (KJV)*

Proverbs chapter 16 indicates that people make plans, although, **“The preparations of the heart [are] in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from YHWH”** (Proverbs 16:1, KJV).

Thus, we should submit to God in every situation.

Proverbs chapter 16 continues, teaching us to, **“Commit your works unto YHWH, and your thoughts shall be established”** (Proverbs 16:3, KJV). This is how we can increasingly align with God’s plan and purpose for us. This can help us make more correct decisions, in terms of God’s overall intention for us.

Proverbs further informs us that YHWH has made ALL things for His own purposes: **“YHWH has made all things for Himself: yea, EVEN THE WICKED for the day of evil”** (Proverbs 16:4, KJV).

In fact, **“When man’s ways please YHWH, He even makes his enemies to be at peace with him”** (Proverbs 16:7, KJV).

Such are some of the creative ways God ensures that His plans are fulfilled and stand.

Conclusion

This Old Testament understanding is reinforced by reviewing again the most mature teaching of the apostle Paul’s, as presented at the beginning of this Commentary:

“In whom also WE have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him [God our Father] WHO WORKS ALL THINGS AFTER THE COUNSEL of HIS OWN will.”

• *Ephesians 1:11, KJV*

Every action God and Christ have planned is designed to benefit each of us, and every action God accomplishes SHALL benefit each one of us beyond anything we can imagine.

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