

Sunday 27 November, 2022

UNDERSTANDING DESTINY

MEMORISE: “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:” – Ephesians 1:4 (KJV)

READ: Jeremiah 1:5 (KJV)

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR: Acts 27 – Romans 1

Destiny simply means the plan of God for a person’s life. In other words, it is the purpose of God for a person’s life. In Jeremiah 1:5, God said:

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God is a builder (**Psalm 127:1**). Like every builder, He works according to a plan. He doesn’t begin to build until the plan is ready. Thus before He formed you, before your father met your mother, God had a plan for your life. The good news is that the plan is a good one (**Jeremiah 29:11**).

Now, you may think, “If God had a good plan in store for all human beings, then why do some end up badly?” This happens because no matter how good God’s plan for you is, if you say you don’t want it, He will not force it on you. Romans 8:31 says:

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

That question wasn’t answered in the Bible; however, the clear answer is “You”. Even if God is for you, you can be against yourself. How can you be against yourself? **Proverbs 22:29** says it is only the diligent that will stand before kings. **Deuteronomy 28:1-14** tells us that it is only those who are obedient that will be blessed by God.

If you decide to look into Scriptures at all the people who fulfilled their destiny, you would see that they have these things in common. Joseph was a very hard-working boy – so hard-working that it wasn’t long after he got to Potiphar’s house that his master put him in charge of all his possessions. The boy also lived holy. When Potiphar’s wife made advances at him, he said he could not sleep with her and sin against his God. Diligence and holiness. Believe me honestly, if you live holy and refuse to be lazy, you will fulfil your destiny.

KEY POINT: God’s plan for your life will only be fulfilled if you cooperate with Him.