

A FUTURE OF HOPE

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Text: Jeremiah 29:11-14 NIV

“‘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. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,’ declares the LORD, ‘and will bring you back from captivity.’”

Whether we are looking forward to a new day, a new year, or a new decade, one thing is for certain, God offers His people assurance that he can provide for and take care of them in the days to come. Note the *truths* found in this passage that remind us of God’s love for His people.

I. GOD’S MIND IS UPON HIS PEOPLE—GOD’S PEOPLE HAVE HOPE (vv. 11).

A. God is thinking about His people—individually and corporately.

“I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD.”

B. God’s heart is set upon blessing His people.

“...To prosper you...to give you hope and a future.”

II. GOD HAS PLANS FOR HIS PEOPLE—GOD’S PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE PLANS FOR THEMSELVES.

A. God’s people should plan to receive the blessings God has promised.

B. God’s people should look to the future with expectation.

III. GOD DESIRES TO BLESS HIS PEOPLE—GOD’S PEOPLE SHOULD SEEK HIM.

A. God offers a personal encounter.

“Call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you...” (v.12).

B. God wants to be sought by His people.

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the LORD” (vv.13-14).

CONCLUSION

The *truths* found in this passage that remind us of God’s love for His people. God’s assurance that he can provide for and take care of them in the days to come is always present and He is always waiting for His people to depend on Him.