

GOD KNOWS THE FUTURE AND HAS A PLAN

Family Devotion – Lesson 80

MEMORY VERSE – EZEKIEL 18:32

“For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the LORD GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.”

- God is speaking here to the Jewish people who are about to be overthrown by the Babylonians. God’s desire is for His people to turn (repent of their sins) and live (not be killed by the enemy). Just because God knew the future, didn’t mean He had pleasure in seeing this horrific event take place. God warned them!
- God had a plan for the nation of Israel. Those who were not killed and went into Babylonian bondage, would be brought back into their homeland and be restored. This was a prophetic promise from God: *“For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place”* (Jeremiah 29:10).
- God has a plan for us! He is kind enough to give us warnings in the Bible about what not to do and what will happen if we disobey. He also instructs us on what to do and what will happen if we obey Him and please Him. This reminds us of two other principles:

“You reap what you sow” and “God’s way is always the right way.”

- It is best for us to follow God’s plan and be blessed than to try to figure out our own way and suffer the consequences.
- God takes pleasure in us living an abundant life full of faith and obedience. That is God’s plan for you.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- What does 2 Peter 3:9 teach us?
- According to Matthew 7:13-14, who are the majority and who are the minority?
- What do you believe God’s future plan is for your life?

PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to help you prepare for the future.
- Ask God to show you of things you need to repent of.
- Pray for someone who you know needs to repent and trust Christ.

CHALLENGE

- What future plan does God have for the Devil according to Revelation chapter 20?