

GOD KNOWS THE FUTURE AND HAS A PLAN

Family Devotion — Lesson 88

MEMORY VERSE — ESTHER 4:14

“Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

- A man named Mordecai was telling Esther that she had become the Queen of Persia for God’s purpose. God had a plan for her to influence the king and to protect the Jewish people. It worked! God’s timing is perfect because God knows the future and has a plan.
- God has also placed us into the Kingdom of God for such a time as this. We also are a part of God’s divine plan.
- God’s general plan for every person:
 - 1) Salvation (most important!) (1 Tim. 2:4)
 - 2) Baptism (obedience and testimony) (Mt. 28:19)
 - 3) Local church participation (accountability) (Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:25)
 - 4) Worship (giving glory to God) (Jn. 4:23-24; Eph. 5:19-20)
 - 5) Spiritual growth (learning through discipleship and passing it on) (2 Pet. 3:18; 2 Tim. 2:2)
 - 6) Evangelism (reaching the lost) (1 Pet. 3:15; Mk. 16:15)
 - 7) Giving (practicing a life of charity) (Acts 20:35; 2 Cor. 9:6-7; 1 Cor. 13)
- After you follow the general will of God for your life, God also has a specific plan just for you. This may include where you go to school, what you do for a living, who you marry, etc. It is also every day decision making in life. This is why it is important to maintain close fellowship with God in prayer and in His word.
- Trusting God with your future takes faith.
- God knows what is best for you. He can take you further than you could ever take yourself.
- God’s will is always the best will. Stick with His plan and enjoy the ride!

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Why is the general will of God now just as important as the specific will of God in the future?
- What would hinder someone from following God’s plan for their life?
- How are you participating and contributing to your local church?

PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to help you follow His General plan.
- Ask God to help prepare you for His future plan.

CHALLENGE

- Write down five things you think God may want you to do in the future when you get older.