

God's Thoughts

Jeremiah 29:10b-14 KJV

I will visit you and perform my good word towards you in causing you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts I think towards you, said the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end. They ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

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I will visit you and perform my good word towards you, and cause you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

During this time Israel was in captivity in Babylon. Babylon means confusion. Confusion can become a form of captivity for us as well. God allows captivity whether spiritual or physical with His people when they turn away from Him. It can happen deliberately, (someone willingly turning from God) or over time, (things creep in taking the place of God) Jesus refers to this in the parable of the sewer. (The weeds grew up and choked out the seed)(Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23) The seed is the Word of God and he who receives the seed among the thorns is he, who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word and he becomes unfruitful.

When we are captive because our heart turns from God we become confused. Maybe we began to wonder if God loves us or is with us when His word says He does love us and will never leave or forsake us. Being away from God gives room for the enemy to come in and speak to us telling us lies. All he is here to do is steal, kill and destroy God and His people. The enemy tells lies like, 'you've gone too far to return to God,' or, 'God can't or won't forgive you of this sin', or, 'you messed up too much God won't love you now.' These are constant lies told to people to keep them from receiving God's sacrifice, Jesus Christ.

The important thing is to look at what God says. His people had forsaken Him and served other gods. Maybe you have too. There is the god of self, television, entertainment, drugs, alcohol, etc. Anything we put before God and His will becomes a god.

Yet even though the Israelites served and loved other gods, God still gave them hope. "I will visit you and perform My good Word towards you causing you to return to this place." God visits us with good word. The good Word for us is Jesus. He came to pay the price for loving other things and people more than Him and for all our sins. Now we only need to receive Him as the sacrifice sent to cleans us and restore us to God. As God promised "causing you to return to this place." The place was with Him in their promised land.

God thinks thoughts of peace, not evil thoughts. His desire is that none should perish, but have everlasting life. He came in Jesus with His powerful Spirit to bring good news to the meek, those depressed in mind, spirit and body. He came to wrap Himself firmly to your broken heart that's been shattered into pieces and make you whole again. He has called you out by name into freedom from the sin that took you like a prisoner and has opened the door and took off the chains binding you to continual sin.

Jesus is the answer to our confusion, bondage and hurt. He came that we might live more abundantly, or more fully. Not just be alive but live a full complete whole life with Him. He is near to the broken hearted, He is a strong tower where those righteous because of their faith in Him can be saved from sin, their own feelings, our enemies, everything.

God says you shall call upon Me and pray to Me and He will hear you. And if you seek Him you will find Him if you do it with all your heart. He wants your heart, your desire, your will. He wants you. You don't need to be perfect for Him to want you.

God sees into the heart of men. Every great person in the bible started as a mess. They were murderers, prostitutes, thieves, doubters, drinkers and more, but remember; it isn't who we are that matters. It's being willing to allow God to create us into what He says about us.

He who started a good work is faithful and just to finish it. He thinks good thoughts or our benefit and not evil, to give us a hope and a future. Trust in the Lord

with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.