

# Plans

**Scripture:**            **Jeremiah 29:11**  
                                 **3 John 2**

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## Introduction

The Lord has plans for you, wonderful plans. You may think you have no future, but in Him you have a blessed future. Your past may be littered with frustration and failure, but He gives hope and a future.

## I. Conditions for His blessing

**Isaiah 48:18-19 KJV** <sup>18</sup>O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: <sup>19</sup>Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

- A. The Lord's lament regarding Israel
- B. Prime condition for his blessing is obedience
- C. Hearken not only means obey, but to hold in high regard

## II. His plans for you

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- A. God has always had good plans for his people
- B. Plans to prosper you
  - 1. Not necessarily financially
  - 2. Wealth of family and friends
- C. No intent to harm you
  - 1. Joseph and Potiphar
  - 2. David
  - 3. Preparation may be painful
- D. A means to give you hope
- E. A positive future

## III. How to activate His plan

**3 John 2 KJV** <sup>2</sup>Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

- A. Follow His commandments
- B. Seek to know His will
- C. Do exactly as He says ... no more, no less

## Conclusion

His plan may lead you through time of testing and preparation, but He will always be with you. He will always guide you and give you success.