

#### MESSAGE EXCERPT

Don't take the question of *why you are here* lightly at all, as it would birth all other things in your life. After knowing Christ, the next thing to know is the Will of God for your life. Several years ago in the United States, a Public Opinion Poll was conducted for Christians and non-Christians. The question was this: *If all over America you meet with God, what question would you ask Him*, over 87% of those who participated asked the question "*Why am I here?*"

I ask you, what is your concept of the existence of God, what do you take Him to be?

How you see God determines what HE becomes to you. What is your concept of the existence of God? God was speaking to Isreal, they were in captivity, under judgement and bondage and in the midst of that, God said I have plans for you that are not evil and has an expected end. Do you think God would throw you away because you did wrong? Jeremiah 29:11-13 (MSG/KJV). How do you see God?

#### WISDOM INFLUENCE THOUGHTS

1. **God has a plan/purpose/will for me:** "Some people actually think I have various plans, but God is saying He has only one plan for you. God has one plan for you, not an alternative plan. Romans 11:29 *"For the gifts and calling of God [are] without repentance"*. He has many gifts, but one calling for you. Romans 8:28 (KJV), it would work together for your good, because you are called according to His purpose, (not His purposes).
2. **"Whatever you go through, or whatever the devil is doing, has done and will ever do; none of these will ever change My plans for your life"**. 1 Corinthians 2:8(KJV) Do you think God plans to make you suffer so He can teach you a lesson? Matthew 7: 9-11 (KJV) God has a plan that would never change irrespective of what you go through in life.
3. **This purpose is with Him:** Jeremiah 29:11 & 12 (MSG). You don't have the plan, if you want the plan, go for God, when you get God you get the plan. It's not about going to Him to ask Him for your purpose, it's about going to Him to know Him more, in that process, you will have His plan disclosed- Jeremiah 29:12, 13. When you go for God, you have His plan, don't go looking for His plan without a desire for Him. Without Him, it won't work.
  - a. Your purpose is with God and in God exclusively

- b. Though it is purpose you are looking for, it's God you must seek, in so doing you will discover His plans!
  - c. Therefore, my future is not in my plans, my future is in His Plans. It is in that plan for your life that your future lies. You can't trust any man to determine your future. When you get Him, you would discover His purpose for your life.
4. **Nevertheless, it's exclusively your choice** (Deuteronomy 30:19) God would never force anything on you. It is with Him and He will never change the plans no matter what happens. John 5:34 (MSG); John 14:28 (MSG); John 10:30 (NSB); Matthew 26:39&42 (KJV). It is essential you get God involved in every decision you make.

Let's consider the concept of the Global Positioning System (GPS) as a case study. The GPS is a navigator, if you are familiar with newer models of cars, all you need to do is to input your destination. What the GPS does is to ensure you arrive at your exact destination. It will show you the path (way to go); the distance (how far your destination) and the time. It will keep talking to you and calculate the estimated time in arriving at your destination.

Similarly, your relationship with the Holy Spirit on the path of destiny is like that GPS Navigator. He would lead you to the plan if you choose, He would show you the path, distance and time. If you allow Him, He would keep talking to you through a detailed description of where to go. The Holy Spirit has the destination and direction, He knows the path and timing, if you allow Him, He knows the way more than you would ever do.

Using that illustration, The Holy Spirit:

1. Knows the way
2. Has seen the big picture.
3. Never nags or complains about your past errors
4. Gives you the ability to re-route when you make a wrong turn.
5. Never says you went the wrong way, he redirects your path Ps 139 1-7 (TLB) Heb 4:13(TLB)

Your future is not ahead of you, it lies with you in God, when you get on God's side, your future is right there. It's all about settling down with God. He would lead you into all truths, including truths about your tomorrow- John 16:13 (KJV).

## DISCOVERING THE REAL YOU, FINDING YOUR REAL SELF:

You are an answer to a question, if you find the question, you are settled. The real you lies within God

1. **Who am I? It's a question of identity:** if you don't know who you are, everyone would tell you who you are not. People would put you under pressure and begin to interpret your destiny for you!
2. **Why am I here? It's a question of purpose:** there's a reason why you came? He has just one plan for you.
3. **Where am I going to? It's a question of destination:** if you don't know where you are going to, anywhere and everywhere would look it. The answer lies within you with God.
4. **What do I have? It's a question of potential:** Everyone has something to offer a generation- 2 Corinthians 4:7 (KJV)
5. **What can I do?** For some other people, their life assignments lie with someone else. You need to ask this vital question
6. **What can I see? It's a question of vision:** You can't afford to have a blind mind. Helen Adams Keller is credited with that statement, *"a blind mind is worse than a blind eye"*. Jeremiah 1:11, 12; Zechariah 4:2, 10. Dream seeds are right within every one of us. What are you using your mind for? God said, *"I give the purpose, you determine the vision"; "I give you the assignment, you determine the scope"*.
7. **Why am I going through what I am going through, or why did I go through what I went through?** There is a process for every product. **You can never influence what you have never been influenced with.** So the question is "what can I learn from what I am going through?" The question should be how would the things I am going through benefit a generation? How can I use it to be a blessing to my generation? Everything you have gone through is a raw material for who you are to become!

My concept of who God is to you serves as bedrock for what your life here on earth.

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