



With hope that this page will bring glory to God and attention to His Word, you are invited to check this page every day for a piece of scripture, thoughts on the verse(s) and a prayer. May the ideas presented here bring you fulfillment as you continue your journey with Christ.

Sunday December 31, 2023

Today's Scripture:

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future".

~ Jeremiah 29:11

Thoughts on Today's Verse(s):

As 2023 comes to a close and 2024 dawns, people are often drawn to hope for a new year that is full of prosperity and goodness, love and charity. Unfortunately, given the state of things in the world, many find it difficult to be too upbeat and positive about what a simple flipping of the calendar will bring. Hard to blame them for that.

The truth is that 2024 will hold its own set of challenges, trials, struggles and heartache. It will not be perfect; it will not necessarily be that year when everything is wonderful. To expect it to be so is a little foolish, maybe even childish.

But, one thing we do know is that God has promised to be with us through it all. The Lord of lords has no desire to see us suffer but rather to see us be well, and do well - *in Him!* He tells us through His prophet Jeremiah that He wants nothing but the best for us - *His best!* God The Father Almighty loves His people dearly and wants to see them thrive and prosper - *through Him!*

That's the part that many people forget - they want to do well and be well and grow and prosper *on their own - according to their own will.* That's not what God is telling us. Our Lord God wants to watch over us and love us and guide us and cherish us - but in His way and in His will.

For 2024, let us commit to seeking God's will and His ways that we may prosper and have a constant hope for goodness and love in the world. It will only come through following The Lord through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us commit *to Him!*

Prayer:

Holy and Perfect Lord, thank You for Your promise to be with us and see us do well. We put all our trust in You and that promise for 2024. Father, forgive us for seeking prosperity and hope in our will instead of Yours. May we commit to You this year in new ways and in new hope. May we grow and thrive and prosper through You, in You and with You that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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