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## **GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU**

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

<sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

3 John 1:2 (KJV)

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

God is an EXACT God. He is exact in His plans for Israel, and He is exact in His plans for you and me. Too many times, Christians will take just whatever comes along, believing that it "must be God's Will for me."

I have news for you: **GOD'S WILL IS NOT ALWAYS DONE IN THE EARTH!** God's Will for Adam and Eve was to NOT EAT of the tree, God's will for Israel that they NOT have a king. But, people are people with a free will.

Over the years, word of faith preachers have been accused of being the "name it and claim it" group or "blab it and grab it" preachers. I realize that there have been some misuses...but DON'T THROW OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATHWATER!

Only when we reach out to God's Word (not feelings) and believe it 100% and confess and act on it then that confession of His Word will put us in a position to receive all that He has for us.

God has a plan for each of our lives...He wants us to believe what He says about us and receive it in its fullness.

Several years ago, there was this man who had been told he had a terminal disease. This man eventually died. He could not understand that everything that happens in this life is not necessarily God's Will. He had been taught from an early age, that when he prayed he was to end it with, "if it by Thy will." Because of this teaching, he did not find it necessary to look into the Word of God to find out the true Will of God for his life. He simply had an attitude of "Oh well, whatever happens must be God."

If the enemy can get and keep us in that kind of mindset, then we will never take the authority that God intended for us. Jesus gave authority to the twelve disciples and then later on gave authority to the seventy that He sent out. And then He gave **total authority** over the forces of evil to **all who believe**. If you are a Christian, then that includes you! (Read Luke 10:19, Mark 16:17, and Phil. 2:10).

Yes, God has a plan for YOUR life. Seek God's plan for your life and then take authority over everything that would stand in the way. You are equipped with the necessary power and anointing to do the task. Remember what Jesus said, *Matthew 6:33 (AMP)* 

<sup>33</sup> But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

Kathy and I so appreciate your prayers and faithfulness to the ministry;
TOGETHER we are accomplishing all that God has called us to do! We call you
BLESSED IN JESUS NAME!

Pastor Dave and Kathy mat, 6:33



## From "American Minute" by William J. Federer Character, religion, virtue, & moral education are necessary in a Republic

**President Chester Arthur,** who died November 18, 1886. The son of a Baptist minister from Ireland was an abolitionist lawyer who defended the rights of African Americans, then served as the Union's Inspector General during the Civil War.

As the 21<sup>st</sup> President, **Chester Arthur** stated October 25, 1882: "The blessings demanding our gratitude are numerous and varied...for...**moral education of our youth**; for the influence upon the conscience of a **restraining and transforming religion...** for these and for many other **blessings** we should give thanks...I do recommend...that the people, ceasing from their daily labors...draw near to the throne of **Almighty God**, offering to Him praise and gratitude for the manifold goodness which He has youchsafed to us."

On November 18, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated in Savannah, Georgia: "We are celebrating the planting of the Colony of Georgia which had its roots in religious teachings and religious liberty, a State in which the first Sunday School was established...Let me...read to you a very short passage from...a great son of a great Georgia mother, Theodore Roosevelt. He said: 'Spiritually and ethically we must strive to bring about clean living and right thinking. We appreciate that the things of the body are important; but we appreciate also that the things of the soul are immeasurably more important."

New York's Legislature stated in 1838: "Our Government depends for its being on the virtue of the people,-on that virtue that has its foundation in the morality of the Christian religion; and that religion is the common and prevailing faith of the people."

Julius Caesar Watts, Jr., was born November 18, 1957: A college and pro football player, J.C. Watts was a youth minister before being elected in 1994 as a U.S. Congressman. As the House Conference Chairman, J.C. Watts responded to the President's 1997 State of the Union Address: "I was taught to respect everyone for the simple reason that we're all God's children. I was taught, in the words of Martin Luther King, to judge a man not by the color of his skin, but by the content of his character. And I was taught that character is simply doing what's right when nobody's looking."

**Dr. Benjamin Rush** explained in *Essays, Literary, Moral, and Philosophical, 1798:* "In contemplating the political institutions of the United States, I lament that we waste **so much time** and money in **punishing crimes** and take **so little pains to prevent them.** We profess to be republicans, and yet we neglect the only means of establishing and **perpetuating our republican forms of government,** that is, the **universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by the means of the Bible.** For this **Divine book**, above all others, favors that equality among mankind, that respect for just laws, and those **sober and frugal virtues**, which constitute the soul of republicanism."

**George Washington** stated in his Farewell Address, September 19, 1796: "Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that **national morality** can prevail in exclusion of **religious principle.** Tis substantially true, that **virtue** or **morality** is a **necessary spring of popular government...**Can it be, the **Providence** has not connected the permanent **felicity** of a Nation with its **virtue?**"

Samuel Adams called for the first Continental Congress. When it first met September 6, 1774, he proposed that it be opened with prayer, despite the delegates being of different Christian denominations which did not always get along. "It did not become men, professing to be Christian men, who had come together for solemn deliberation in the hour of their extremity, to say there was so wide a difference in their religious belief that they could not, as one man, bow the knee in prayer to the Almighty whose advice and assistance they hoped to obtain."

Sam Adams' younger cousin was John Adams, who was also a delegate to the Continental Congress. John Adams described the scene to his wife, Abigail: "When the congress met, Mr. Cushing made a motion that it should be opened with Prayer. It was opposed by Mr. Jay of New York, and Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina because we were so divided in religious sentiments, some Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians, and some Congregationalists, that we could not join in the same act of worship. Mr. Samuel Adams arose and said that he was no bigot, and could hear a Prayer from any gentleman of Piety and virtue, who was at the same time a friend to his country. He was a stranger in Philadelphia, but had heard that Mr. Duche' (Pastor of Christ Episcopal Church, Philadelphia), deserved that character and therefore he moved that Mr. Duche', an Episcopal clergyman might be desired to read Prayers to Congress tomorrow morning. The motion was seconded, and passed in the affirmative."

(To be continued next month)

## 2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

<sup>14</sup> If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land

IT IS TIME FOR CHRISTIANS TO AWAKEN AND ACT

MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!