

2013 –Our Plans or God’s Plans

“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

This New Year’s Day we look at the year ahead and our mind is filled with plans for the future. Perhaps we contemplate the changes we want to make in our lives or the long list of things we need to do. Maybe it is more exciting like a trip somewhere we have never been or a major accomplishment we plan to complete.

With our plans comes uncertainty. Will I have the money? Will I have the strength? Will I have the ability? Will things turn out the way I hope? What harm might interfere with my plans?

God also has a plan for you in 2013, and we can be certain that plan comes with a guarantee. God promises that His plan will prosper us and not harm us. His plan comes with hope not uncertainty. His plan is backed by His wisdom and power.

Those who desire to see change in 2013 need to come to Him with a teachable spirit and a willingness to follow His direction. We want to seek Him with a mind open to His leading, a mind that is *“transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2).*

In this coming year, focus on God. Give yourself fully to experiencing His presence and enjoy the plans He has for you. His plans give you hope and a future.