

(1). "God Plans My Life."

Gen. 1:24-31

Introd:- (1). R.G. LeTourneau has written a book.. "God runs my business". Few business men would DARE do such thing! God might take at their word. FEWER STILL could truthfully say.. "God runs my life." How many of us? Yet still true..

TOPIC. (2). Right now some may raise very vigorous objection.. "I plan my life." Certainly you do! Ought to. Man without plan, purpose in life, goal, drifts aimlessly like ship without rudder, compass, chart.. Yet still I repeat TOPIC. Nothing more certain. GOD PLANS LIFE OF EVERY ONE OF HIS OWN CHILDREN. Could not otherwise love us. Loving Father plans.. and complete, happy, wholesome life of sparkling joy is found WHEN THOSE TWO PLANS.. HIS AND OURS.. COINCIDE.. and only then. When they don't.. there is nagging, frustrating, uneasy moral and mental conflict in soul.. that no frivolity ever drown out. c/f Noah.. "Build me an ark" "Yes" Pharaoh: "Let my people go" "no". All people have divided like that concerning plan of God. Today they do. You. Me.

I. Today want set before our eyes.. God's plan for life..

(a). That's impossible! God didn't plan same for everybody Not all called to be Pastor, Deacon, S.S. Sup't. All preachers not called to be Spurgeons. (Illus:- Miss. Candidates..

"Leaders or followers?" Follower told come at once.. needed One of most wonderful facts of X'n life is that God has personal, detailed, intimate plan for EVERY X'N.. and all diff! Adam.. gardener.. Moses, Lawgiver.. Joshua, general.. David, king.. Daniel, prophet.. John, Forerunner.. Dorcas, seamstress.. Pheobe, servant of the church.. Paul, mission. Apostle.. YOU. I Cor. 12:27-31. One chief business of life.. Find, follow.

(b). Yet still true.. God has basic plan for every life that is essentially same. c/f Human family.. parents plan for all children cleanliness, politeness, nourishment, educational spiritual progress.. as basic to all future plans that diverge. God's basic plan same for ALL.. good for ALL Deut 6: 24.

II/ God laid down basic plan early in dealings with men.

(a). In fact.. gave it all to first man, Adam. God's basic plan for first man same as for last.. and all folk in between No exceptions. "O but I'm diff." You are not! "I pray Thee have me excused" is the prayer God never answers! You're in!

(b). Turn with me.. Gen. 1:26-28. Here is 3-FOLD PLAN for all humanity. FIRST:- God planned to make man in His own image. "Image" is from root meaning "to shade". Man is to be so like God that he is to be the "shadow of God".. In His likeness.. so much that when see man.. expect God just behind

casting shadow ahead! When God made man..as though He cast His shadow on the ground..on dust of earth..marked out pattern with His finger...raised that dust up..breathed in it breath.... ADAM..never in slightest a monkey image..shadow. MADE IN IMAGE OF GOD..designed to be like Him..c/f Reason for penalty of capital punishment..Gen. 9:6. Modern evolutionist..many others forgotten what man is..how designed..marvelous creation of God..not to be slain like a beast. Supreme penalty for marriage (b). But what has happened? SIN MARRED GOD'S PATTERN. When Satan rebelled against God by claiming to be above Him, God "scrambled" the earth, which was almost certainly Satan's special domain..c/f Gen. 1:1,2. As though God said: "You think you are mighty. Let me see you unscramble that egg". Thus He proved the weakness of mighty Satan..unable to recreate earth.

THEN..when God made man, Satan in rage over puny usurper to whom God had given HIS world..sought to drag down..and did it..into SIN..."Now, God, let me see you unscramble THAT egg!" AND GOD PROPOSES TO DO JUST THAT!

He plans to make us back into His image...First, by the new birth The START. Then, day by day..as Spirit works in our lives.. c/f Rom. 8:28-29...."conformed to the IMAGE of His Son..."... who Himself is the "Image of the invisible God." LIKE GOD! How "god-like" am I? Bible word is "godliness"...

(c). God's SECOND plan for Adam..all Adam's race.."HAVE DOMINION" God has made no plans for defeat in the Christian life.

Man was made to RULE the world..and espec. himself. Paul said: I Cor. 9:27. Who or what rules your life? "Hast thou dominion o'er sin and o'er self, Is thy heart right with God?" How much do we know of self-discipline? Do we practice it? Or does "I WANT" rule the life? "Dominion" from word "Lord" (Domine).. Man lost his lordship when obeyed serpent-Satan. Now only way to regain it is let New Lord live within and through. HE WILL. as we bring disciplined, yielded life to Him..ev. that in captivity (d). THIRD PART of God's plan.."Be fruitful and multiply."

God created man with powers of reproduction. In physical realm those powers are sacred..holy..not to be perverted, polluted, soiled, dallied with. The modern petting party does NOT thrill the heart of God! BUT IN SPIRITUAL REALM WE ARE COMMANDED TO BEAR FRUIT..MULTIPLY. God's plan. If ev. X'n doing it world would be full of X'ns by now. "Job of preachers.. missionaries". TRUE. But that means we are all preachers and missionaries..or at least ARE CALLED TO BE..Acts 1:8. Are you a witness? Life and lix. Must be both..SPEAK! A dumb love only acceptable from lower animals...even in that realm a dog barks for joy. REPRODUCE! Vital need..this church..here! Illus:- "I'm a Momma!" Acts 26:16.

God's great, three-fold plan for every one of us.

Conclus:- 1. How can it be done in my life..yours?

Per. best set out in Rom. 6:13.."Yield yourselves to God"

Hour by hour..morning after morning..yield, deliberately, constantly to His Spirit..for control..for His will to be done in and through you. Let your plans coincide with His.

"Lord make me more like X today..Be the Domine within that self may no longer rule..Let me today be fruitful for Thee"

Illus:- Redd Harper.."Lord, what are the orders for today?"

2. You will find out what you need. Prayer..Fellowship

with X'ns in God's house..Worship..Deep knowledge of Word of God..Empowering of the Holy Spirit. Make a choice..today. What?

"Lord, I come to do my own will..I will live for me. For my own pleasure, ease and enjoyment. I am not interested in your plans."

Or:-

"Lord, I come to do THY WILL" Christ did. You?

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I Cor. 12:27-28. "For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the head, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."

Deut. 6:24. "And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes...for our GOOD always."

Gen 1:26-28. ~~"And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth"~~

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the ~~fish~~ fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; ~~male~~ and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Gen. 9:6. "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: FOR in the image of God made he man."

Gen. 1:1-2. "In the beginning God ~~created~~ the heaven and the earth. And the earth WAS without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

Rom. 8:28-29. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to conformed to the image of His Son"

I Cor. 9:27/ "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection."

Acts 1:8. "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

