

YOU ARE A CHILD OF DESTINY

(Romans 8:28)

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We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose. (WEB)

And we are conscious that all things are working together for good to those who have love for God, and have been marked out by his purpose. (BBE)

Jer 29:11

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. {expected...: Heb. end and expectation}

(KJV)

Introduction

- God is a God of destiny
- You were created for a purpose: you are not an accident but an appointment with destiny
- In I ejaculate about 20million sperms per millilitre and in some individuals 200 to 600 million sperms but only one fertilises the egg to produce you
- The greatest tragedy in life is to go thru life without knowing your destiny or purpose: why am I here? What am I suppose to be? Where am I going to? How long am I staying? Why am I black? Why am I in this institution at this time not some other institution? We can ask the manufacturer! I Corinthians 9:26:”So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I fight to win. I’m not just shadow- boxing or playing around”, LB.

Introduction

- There are two greatest days in the life of an individual
 - (i) The day you were born
 - (ii) The day you discover your destiny (purpose)
- Your destiny is what God created you to be and to do: what you are to become in this life and accomplish for His pleasure. Revelation 4:11 “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created”

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- Rev 5:12; 10:6; Ge 1:1; Ac 17:24; Eph 3:9. **Col 1:16:** “For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him”
- Joh 1:3; 1Co 8:6; Eph 1:21; 3:9; Heb 1:2; 2:10; Ro 8:38; 11:36; Col 2:10,15; 1Pe 3:22
- God is the origin of our destinies: without Him our destinies are doomed
- Our destinies were determined by God before we were born: Jeremiah 1:4-7 4 “And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I hallowed thee, I appointed thee a prophet unto the nations”. Darby’s translation.

Introduction

- There is no man without a Divine destiny over his life: God has good intentions for man but man chooses to go his own way
- Jeremiah29:11: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith Jehovah, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope in your latter end”. (ASV)
- You cannot fulfil your destiny if you are not born again

KNOWING YOUR DESTINY IS SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

- Our generation is not complete without us and our contribution: “The world is a stage and all of us players” Shakespeare: imagine what the world will be like without
- Electricity
- GSM phones
- PCs and Lap tops
- Internet
- Plastic chairs
- Cars and planes
- Satelites and channels
- Banks and ATMs

Why knowing your destiny is important

- So that we will not be like the men of Genesis 5:1ff
- You cannot fulfil what you don't know
- If you don't Satan will give you a negative destiny e.g. plane hijackers, incest father, Mohammed, etc
- So that we can be fulfilled at the end of our lives
2Timothy 4:7-8: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing". It determines our reward in heaven.
- Don't waste your life chasing shadows!

A few great men in destiny

- Some great men in destiny: Moses born to be a deliverer; Jesus born to die; John the Baptist born to forerun Christ's first coming
- Pastor E.A. Adeboye
- Evang Reinhard Bonnke
- Rev Benny Hinn
- Bill Gates
- Martin Luther King jr
- Barack Obama
- You too can be great!

3 categories of people

- History writers
- History Tellers
- History Makers

3 Categories of people

- Those who dont know what is happening
- Those who watch things Happen
- Those who make things Happen

SOME FACTS OF DESTINY

- Every individual is unique for his own destiny with unique events, experiences, skin color, height, tribe, etc
- Unless God helps your destiny vain is the help of man Gen37:21-28; 37:1-8; 50:20
- The circumstances surrounding your birth cannot stop you from your destiny Judges 11:1-10 ; 12:7 cf Hebrews 11:32(Jephthah was the son of a harlot but became leader in Israel)
- Unique suffering: Jesus carried to Africa Matthew 2:13-18

Facts of Destiny

- Can you kill a child of destiny? “We are immortal till our work is done”. Some peoples ‘s destiny may require death to be fulfilled- Bishop Hugh Latimer and Bishop Nicholas Ridley “*Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man; we shall this day light such a candle. By God’s grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out.*”
- Destiny can be changed
 - Ruth the Moabitess: Genesis 19:31-38; Deut. 23: 2-3; Ruth 1:16-18;cf Matthew 1:5,16.Jos 24:15
 - Reuben : Genesis 35:22; Gen 49:3-4 cf Deut 33:6
- Destiny can be delayed: Gen 15:13 cf Exod 12:40

Facts of Destiny

- Destiny can be substituted 1Chron. 5:1 ; Gen 48:14-20
- Destiny can be inherited and Predetermined Gen 25:23; 1Samuel 1:11,26
- Destiny can be vandalised: Esau vs Jacob
- Destiny can be altered, manipulated and totally destroyed: Judas Iscariot; Ananias and Sapphira; Gehazi became a leper, Sataks
- Destinies can be cut short Acts 12:1-5
- Destiny can be restored Joel 2:21-28 e.g. The Reubenites after many years Deut. 33:6

HOW TO FULFIL YOUR DESTINY

- Discover it: Luke 2:42-49
- Love God, love yourself and love your destiny:
1Cor. 13:13 “But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love”. (ASV)
- Begin small and keep moving on Zechariah 4:10
- Make good friends in destiny by always doing good: Acts 10:38; 1Cor 15:33

How to fulfil your Destiny

- Be diligent in all you do: Proverbs 22:29 “Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men. {mean...: Heb. obscure men}”
- Rely heavily on God’s grace in prayer: Jabez, 1Chron. 4:9-10; Jesus, Luke 22:42,43
- Never give up no matter the discouragements or failures Micah 7:8; Prov 24:16 “For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again”.
- Remember Abraham Lincoln

Conclusion

- The greatest enemy of your destiny is yourself and sin is the greatest destroyer of destinies
- If you don't fulfil your destiny it is your fault because heaven has made every provision.
Gen 1:28
- The greatest friend and catalyst of destiny is the great Holy Spirit of God. Acts 1:8

SOME PRAYER POINTS

- PRAY AGAINST UNTIMELY DEATH
- PRAY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF FEAR OF DEATH
- PRAY AGAINST LATE MARRIAGES
- PRAY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF PROFITLESS HARD LABOUR (WORKING LIKE ELEPHANT AND EATING LIKE ANTS)
- PRAY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF EVIL REPAYMENT
- PRAY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF KADESH BARNEA, MOVING IN CYCLES

Prayer points

- PRAY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF STAGNATION
- PRAY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF LIMITATION
- PRAY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF DELAYED BLESSINGS
- PRAY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF NON-ACHIEVEMENT
- PRAY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF IMPOSSIBILITY
- PRAY AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF FAILURE