

What's God Thinking?

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He thinks about those who don't yet know Him personally!

John 4:35 NLT

35 You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.

James 5:7-8 NKJV

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Matthew 9:37-38 NLT

37 He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. 38 So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

We are praying to the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into His fields. But, there is also another part we must play, we must go out and get the harvest!

2 Corinthians 2:14 NCV

14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's victory parade. God uses us to spread his knowledge everywhere like a sweet-smelling perfume.

Matthew 28:18-20 NLT

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Fundamental truth: God wants us to live in victory through what Jesus Christ has done for us.

John 16:33 NLT

33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

Walking in victory means living in Christ and the authority He's given us through His defeat of the devil when He died on the cross and paid the price for the sin of the world and was raised from the dead!

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Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

We have a choice in the matter!

Deuteronomy 30:19 KJV

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

We have to know that God is for us! That He loves us and wants to bless us. He gives us the ability to choose to live in all His blessings.

John 10:10-11 NLT

10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

Two Views:

One view is the God dominates the human will. God makes you do, what you do and that everything in life is nothing more than a reflection of the sovereign will of God. God imposes upon your life what His will is with no regard to what your will is!

The other view is that Man is a free moral agent. Man has choice. This view says, God is sovereign, He does have the final word, His is the final authority. No one tells God what to do.

Free choice is recognizing Who God is and that His is the final authority. He chose to give us a choice. If not, why did Adam and Eve Choose to disobey God in the garden?

Mark 11:22-24 NLT

22 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. 23 I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. 24 I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.

James 4:7-8 NLT

7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

Psalms 35:27 NKJV

27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

Hebrews 11:6 NLT

6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.