

AFTER YOU KNOW IT ALL
JEREMIAH 29:11 / 5-19-19 / A.M.

I. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

- A. You probably don't have your life all planned out.
- B. If your plans for the future are still a little iffy than you probably have a lot of questions.
- C. Let me just offer a word of caution from King Solomon in Proverbs 19:21.

II. SO WHAT IS THE LORD'S PURPOSE OR PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE?

- A. On days like today we often hear preachers read Jeremiah 29:11.
- B. But there is a downside to this verse.
 - 1. This verse was written by the prophet Jeremiah to the nation of Israel right after they were carried off into Babylonian exile.
 - 2. God allowed them to be jerked from their homes and homeland and taken captive into a foreign and pagan land.
 - 3. The promise of God's good plans in verse 11 follow on the heels of verse—Jer. 29:10.
 - 4. After hearing about this 70 gap in time, Israel must have had a lot of questions.
- C. So what lessons do you suppose God wanted Israel to learn over the next 70 years and how do they apply to us today?
 - 1. One lesson for Israel and us is that there is a price to pay for our poor choices.
 - 2. Another lesson Israel had to face is that life is usually hard.
 - 3. Still another lesson for Israel is that no matter how hard things will get in Babylon, God still loved them.

III. WHAT WILL GOD'S PLANS BE LIKE?

- A. For one thing, it's comforting just to know that God has plans for our lives even if we don't.
- B. For another thing, God's plan isn't about us—1 Cor. 6:20.

1. This means that whatever career path we choose we should do it all for God's glory—I Cor. 10:31.
 2. James tells us life is fleeting like a fog or mist, therefore we must make the most of it—James 4:14.
- C. How can we make the most out of our lives?