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?