



THE PLANS OF GOD IN MEN'S LIFE

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INTRODUCTION

The journey of a Christian is certainly not easy, however, it is not impossible for those who cling in Jesus Christ, the Almighty and Glorious God. He is worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing forever and ever, Amen!

During this beautiful journey in Christ, the divine creatures (Men, Women and Children) who were redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus are subject to several plans. We quote among others the plans of the Creator God in Men's life, the plans of the enemy Satan for the life of Men and the plans of Men for their own life.

CHAPTER 1: THE PLANS OF GOD IN MEN'S LIFE

I cannot speak about the plans of God in the life of men without speaking of Jesus Christ, Son of Man. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Bridegroom of the True Church, and the firstborn from the dead.

Acts 2 verses 22 to 24 *“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—Him, being delivered by the determined **purpose** and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it”*.

In the passage above, the word purpose comes from the Greek “boule” which also means decision, advice, enterprise, opinion, counsel or will. We can therefore rephrase the passage above and say that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was delivered according to **the will** of God and foreknowledge of God. **The will** of God has allowed men to take Jesus and put Him on the cross; to die the death brought by the hands of the wicked. Since Jesus was subjected to **the will** of God in His life, God raised him up, loosening the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

All those who gave their lives to God no longer belong to themselves, because indeed they have turned to God by separating themselves from idols and all that is unjust and unclean, to serve the living and true God. The Apostle Paul by The Holy Spirit says in Galatians 2 verse 20 that “I have



been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me". Before Christ could live in Paul, Paul had to be crucified first. In other words, the purpose of God had to be done entirely in Paul's life. Since by The Grace of God, Paul had accepted the will of God in his life, Paul presented himself as a bondservant of Jesus Christ in Philippians 1 verse 1, so Christ lived in him.

Acts 4 verses 23 to 31 “And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, who by the mouth of your servant David have said: ‘Why did the nations rage, and the people plot vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ.’ “For truly against your holy Servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatever **Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done**. Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to your servants that with all boldness they may speak your word, by stretching out your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy Servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the

Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness". We find again the Greek word "boule" in the passage above. After the effusion of the Spirit and the birth of the Church in Acts 2, the Church was persecuted and the apostles Peter and John were imprisoned. In Acts 4, the apostles Peter and John compared before the Sanhedrin who had forbidden the apostles to preach in the Name of Jesus. Acts 4 verses 18 to 20 *"So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."* After the Apostles Peter and John were released, the Church asked for God's help and they said that, "God's hand and purpose had determined before to be done". The early church had the notion of God's will in the life of men. This understanding of God's will in men's also allowed them to persevere in the Faith, in the preaching of the Word of God despite the threats of the Sanhedrin. God's will was also that the Church be persecuted in order to bear

more fruits of the Spirit. God has a will and counsel already set for all persons.

Isaiah 53 verses 3 to 10 *“He (Jesus) is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He (Jesus) has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He (Jesus) was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He (Jesus) opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He (Jesus) opened not His mouth. (...). **Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him;** He has put Him to grief. When you make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days,*

and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand". We still see the perfect will of God in the life of His Son Jesus. The word pleased in Hebrews it is called "Chaphets" meaning to delight in, to take pleasure in, be pleased with, to agree, to desire, to want and to will. In other words, it was the Father's will to bruise His Son Jesus.

It is impossible for the most beautiful being Jesus to live in us if we do not fully accept the will of God in our lives. It is impossible to have good spiritual growth and deep intimacy with Jesus if we do not fully accept the will of God in our lives. On the other hand, to do and fulfill with integrity the service of God on earth for those whom the Lord has called we must fully accept the will of God in our lives. And finally, it is impossible for our ears to hear Jesus, for our eyes to see Jesus, that we look upon Jesus and that our hands handle Jesus, if we do not fully accept the will of God in our lives. Of course all this is only Grace. No one can boast.

Through The Grace and The Compassion of God, let us accept God's will to be fully fulfilled in our lives. Luke 11 verses 11 to 13 *"If a son asks for bread from*

any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him! ” God is the Father of Eternity, and as the Father, He wants the good, the salvation of all his creatures.

Ephesians 1 verses 9 to 12 *“Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the **purpose** of Him who works all things according to **the counsel** of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory”*. The word purpose in Greek is "prothesis" meaning design and purpose. The omniscience of God is the fact that He knows all

things in advance, predestination concerns the work of the cross planned from all eternity. Predestination is not God's decision to send people to hell, but rather God's ability to know in advance who would become His adopted children, transformed into the image of the Son, accepting His Word. All is accomplished by God's resolution, purpose, and counsel regarding our lives for our own good.

About God's plans being made manifest in our lives, we find a group of people who accepted it and continued to bless and glorify God's Name. Amongst the many in that group of people we have for example Jesus Christ the Son of God, the true Church the Body of Christ and Job.

Job 1 verses 1 and 8 to 22 *“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that **man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.** (...) Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?” So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Does*

Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!” And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.” So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord. Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house; and a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, when the Sabeans raided them and took them away—indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!” While he was still speaking, another also came and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!” While he was still speaking, another also came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three bands,

*raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!” While he was still speaking, another also came and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!” Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord.” **In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong**”. What a beautiful image of God's will in our lives in order to take us to another level with Him. Imagine for a moment, we lose our jobs and investments, our cars are stolen, a closed member of the family passes away, would we be able to Bless The Name of Jesus? Job, blameless and upright man, God fearing servant has*

understood that all things work together for good to those who love Jesus (Romans 8 verse 28).

Satan seeing the firmness of Job's Faith, did not stop there. He struck Job with a painful boils, Job had 3 friends who were putting pressure on him, and Job's wife was putting pressure on him too. Despite all the pressure, Job could say:

- *“Then I would still have comfort; though in anguish I would exult, he will not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One”* Job 6 verse 10.
- *“He does great things past finding out, yes, wonders without number”* Job 9 verse 10.
- *“Your hands have made me and fashioned me, an intricate unity; yet You would destroy me. Remember, I pray, that You have made me like clay. And will You turn me into dust again?”* Job 10 verses 8 to 9.
- *“In whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?”* Job 12 verse 10.

- *“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth”* Job 19 verse 25.

Despite the pains in Job's life, God's plans in his life have allowed him to have many revelations. *“He stretches out the north over empty space; **He hangs the earth on nothing**”* Job 26 verse 7. According to Wikipedia, the law of universal gravitation, formulated by Newton, would only be published on the 5th of July 1687, and the idea that celestial bodies could be literally suspended on nothing, was not known to the spirit of men during that time. In other words, it was in 1687 by the law of gravitation that scientists knew that the earth was suspended on nothing, yet the Living God had already revealed this to His Child Job. And Job could say: *“As long as my breath is in me, and the breath of God in my nostrils, my lips will not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. Far be it from me that I should say you are right; till I die I will not put away my integrity from me”* Job 27 verses 3 to 5.

According to Wikipedia, the inner core of the earth is essentially metallic (alloy of iron and nickel mainly, in proportions of about 80% to 20%) and constituted by progressive crystallization of the outer core. The pressure, which is 3.5 million bar (350 GPa), maintaining a solid state despite a temperature above 6000 °C. It was in the 20th century that scientists knew that the center of the earth was burning, yet The Father had already revealed it to Job. *“As for the earth, from it comes bread, but underneath it is turned up as by fire”* Job 28 verse 5. Indeed, wisdom is the fear of the Lord and to depart from evil is understanding, Job 28 verse 28.

One of God's wills for man is "his sanctification". 1 Thessalonians 4 verses 3 to 7 *“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such,*

as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness”.

The world makes us believe that young people can have boyfriends, it teaches us that teenagers can know each other sexually. An international survey shows that 11% of girls/boys (in developing countries) and 22% of girls (in Latin America and the Caribbean) aged between 15 to 19 years old had their first sexual intercourse before they were 15 years old. On the European territory, this comparative study conducted in 35 European countries by the World Health Organization, on the sexual tendencies of 15 years old students, notes that 26% of these young people had already had sex. The numbers are scary and growing more and more. Every second in the world, there are more than 6100 sexual intercourse. The average number of sexual intercourse among adult inhabitants of the planet is estimated at 110 per year; in total 192.5 billion acts! These statistics show us that the will of God for the man who is sanctification is not respected.

Religion presents us with "super grace," "that men may sin willingly and God who is Love will forgive them". We see unmarried young people fornicating and singing in churches, married men who deceive their wives, and who have positions of elders in churches because of their wealth, adulterous pastors who have young girls like secretaries. Men no longer fear God. Sex between a man and a woman should be consumed only in the context of marriage according to God. Romans 7 verse 5 *"For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death"*.

Others are not married but live in concubinage. Romans 13 verse 13 *"Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy"*. The word Lewdness means "koítē" in Greek which is cohabitation or chambering.

It is possible as young people to keep yourselves pure until marriage, it is possible to flee the passions

of youth and follow Jesus, and it is possible that the whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of Jesus Our Bridegroom. Romans 8 verses 3 to 4 *“For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: **He condemned sin in the flesh**, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit”*.

Romans 8 verse 28 *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His **purpose**”*.

This passage seems simple and yet it has many realities and truths. As God's children, all of God's will in our lives are contributing to our good, all of God's will and not just a few. If we let God's will be fulfilled in our lives, God in His Grace will bring us closer to Him. The will of God in our lives most often is not well understood.

When we were in the world, we were the leaders of our lives and when we made peace with Jesus by repenting and being born of water and spirit, Jesus became our Leader and seated us in Heaven. Now that we are resurrected and seated in heavenly places in Jesus Christ, we must have such assurance that God is in control of our lives when we are doing His will.

God is so great and almighty because *“He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name”* Psalms 147 verse 4. Whatever our trials, our groans, our illnesses, our sorrows, our tears, our situations, Jesus is very faithful to encourage because *“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me”* Psalms 23 verses 1 to 4. Meanwhile, there are some people who at a certain stage refuse

to accept God's plans in their lives, and stop the race and return to their vomit. If you belong to this group of people, wholeheartedly, repent to Jesus, lift up and come back in the ark and may Jesus who is the God of all consolation fortify you powerfully.

Unfortunately, there is also a group of people who do not know God at all, and some knowing the Holy Scriptures but only as a matter of intellect and rejects God's plan in their lives. The Pharisees are an example of such people as stated in Luke 7 verse 30 *"But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him"*.

Romans 9 verses 9 to 11 *"For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son." And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, **that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls**)"*. God's plan for our lives will

always be perfect because God is very good and in Him there is no variation or shadow of turning. Isaiah 26 verse 3 *“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You”*.

CHAPTER 2: THE PLANS OF SATAN IN THE LIFE OF MEN

2 Corinthians 2 verses 10 to 11 *"Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his **devices**".* The word devices in the passage above comes from the Greek word "noema" which also means a mental perception, a thought or purpose, an evil purpose, the mind. Satan, who is the enemy of our souls, has a thought and a mental perception for men. Satan wants to steal, kill and destroy all men. He takes pleasure in the death of the wicked because such person will go to hades. He enjoys war because many people die in hate and anger and end up in hades. He enjoys famine so that many people question the existence and divinity of Jesus.

Satan's evil will began in Heaven where he wanted to take God's place. Satan was an anointed cherub who coveted; God had established him, and he was on the holy mountain of God; he walked back and

forth in the midst of fiery stones, according to Ezekiel 28 verses 11 to 18, he was the seal of perfection, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty, his covering was of precious stones of all kinds, sardius, topaz, diamond, beryl, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, emerald, and gold; the workmanship of his timbrels and pipes was prepared for the day he was created. He was perfect in his ways from the day he was created till iniquity was found in him. By the abundance of his trading, he became filled with violence within, and he sinned; therefore God casted him as a profane thing out of the mountain of God, and God destroyed him from the midst of the fiery stones. Its heart was lifted up because of his beauty, he corrupted his wisdom for the sake of his splendor; He defiled his sanctuaries by the multitude of his iniquities, by the iniquity of his trading. Satan is the author of lies and rebellion.

In order to reach us, Satan fights us a lot at the level of the **thoughts**. This is the reason why the Apostle Paul by The Holy Spirit commends us to have the helmet of salvation and the shield of faith in order to

quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one (Ephesians 6 verses 10 to 17). The scriptures portray Satan as the prince of the power of the air and his battlefield is on the level of thought.

2 Corinthians 4 verses 3 to 4 *"But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose **minds** the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them"*. The word mind is the same Greek term "noema" used in 2 Corinthians 2 verse 11 to speak of evil plans. The ignorance of Men allows to the enemy to gain the upper hand over them.

Satan gives us some thoughts like the followings:

- Thoughts of whispering or complaining against a brother or sister, against a work that is truly of God. People to whom Satan sent such thoughts complain constantly. 1 Corinthians 10 verse 10 *"And nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer"*. The Hebrews in

the desert have complained many times: they loved the graves of Egypt when Pharaoh and his army pursued them, but Yahweh delivered them miraculously (Exodus 14); they complained against Moses, saying, what shall we drink? And Yahweh provided to his people to Marah (Exodus 15); they complained against God by remembering the meats and breads of Egypt in the desert of Sin, and Yahweh sent them the manna (Exodus 16); they complained against Moses in Rephidim concerning water to drink and Yahweh gave them water from the rock (Exodus 17). They wanted to establish leaders to return to Egypt; they wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb, who exhorted them not to rebel against Yahweh (Number 14). All these things that happened to the Hebrews in the wilderness should have been examples, but many people in recent times are worse. Some complain against God after being enlightened, and after they have tasted the heavenly gift. In Jude 1 verse 16, one of the brother of Jesus Christ man gives

characteristics of false teachers who continually complain against God: *"These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage."*

Others complain against brothers or sisters whom God has truly called. Because of jealousy and bad motives, they attribute the work of God to Satan. Philippians 2 verses 14 to 15 *"Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world"*.

- Thoughts of rebellion against God: 1 Samuel 15 verses 22 to 23 *"So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For **rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,***

and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king". One of my prayers is asking Jesus to keep me from rebelling. Rebellion is a sin as much as divination. Some people revolt against God by claiming that God does not act in their life. Those who are sealed by the Holy Spirit have been adopted by God (Ephesians 1 verse 5). Imagine for a moment that you go on a street and filled with compassion you take a homeless, you dress him on and you adopt him. Sometime later, this adopted person makes a request to you that you refuse. And he rebels because of the refusal of his request and threatens that he will return to the street. Yet the fact that this person returns to the street does not detract from your goodness. Many people behave this way with Jesus. We were all sold to sin (Romans 7 verse 14 and Romans 3 verse 23), Jesus went to the market and redeemed us. Jesus took us out of the market (Galatians 4

verse 5) and made us free by delivering us from sin, the power of Satan and the Law of Moses (Colossians 1 verse 12 to 14, Colossians 2 verses 14 to 17 and 1 John 3 verse 5). Once delivered, we rebel against God saying that Jesus refuses to grant our requests. We completely forget our past life and that we have been redeemed by Grace and therefore we can only make requests to God through prayers and supplications, with thanksgiving (Philippians 4 verse 6). Colossians 3 verses 5 to 7 *"Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them"*.

- Thoughts of philosophy of men and sin: Colossians 2 verse 8 *"Beware lest anyone cheat you **through philosophy** and*

empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ". Philosophy, which is the love of wisdom, is used for zeal or skill in any art or science, any branch of knowledge. It is used only once in the new alliance for theology, or better theosophy, of certain christian ascetics, who dealt with subtle and refined questions, such as nature, hierarchy, sex of angels, in the ritual of the law of Moses and the constraints of the Jewish tradition concerning practical life. 1 Corinthians 1 verses 18 to 23 *"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know*

God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness".

- Thoughts of reasoning, arguments and sin: 2 Corinthians 10 verses 4 to 5 *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **casting down arguments** and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ "*. In these end times, there are more and more reasoners, people hostile to the true faith in Jesus. We also see people who do calculations and who come to Jesus in order to see their social problems solved. Several churches present a social god. We hear them saying, "Come to Jesus and you will have the visa, marriage, wealth, children etc...." This

false gospel leads people to sin and to blaspheme The Name of God when their goals are not achieved. Mark 11 verses 29 to 33 *"But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me." And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men' "—they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. So they answered and said to Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus answered and said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things".*

- Thoughts of arrogance and pride: James 4 verse 16 *"But now you **boast in your arrogance**. All such boasting is evil".* Today's society has lost a sense of humility. There are people who boast about the fact that they

have some knowledge. They think they are better than others, they accept praise from men. Instead of Jesus increasing and men to decrease, these people take the glory of God. They are arrogant people who have a high regard for their own merit, who look down on others and treat them with contempt. They believe in the stability of things on earth. 1 John 2 verse 16 *"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and **the pride of life**—is not of the Father but is of the world"*. These people are insane, insolent, and arrogant. They teach false doctrines such as trinity, prayer to saints, spiritual cover, prosperity, use of icons and rosaries, Mary mother of God, assumption, purgatory, double predestination, the nuptial blessing, the doctrine of replacement, etc. They do not consent to the wholesome words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which

accords with godliness. They know nothing, but they are obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicious, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds (1 Timothy 6 verses 3 to 5). James 4 verse 6 *"But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble".*

James 1 verses 13 to 15 *"Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by **his own desires** and enticed. Then, when desire **has conceived**, it **gives birth to sin**; and sin, when it is **full-grown**, brings forth **death**".* To bring men out of the presence of God, Satan give them a bad thought. This thought can come from the lust of the eyes and the forbidden desires. The men who are in perpetual war against Satan, conceive this thought in their hearts and give birth to sin. Sin, being consumed, the men die spiritually.

1 Peter 5 verse 8 *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour”*. Satan does not like men. He uses his craftiness and demon agents to discourage the true children of God. He wants to sift the true children of God by overthrowing their faith in God; his will is to see the eternal perdition of the human race. He wants men to be eternally separated from Jesus the true God. Satan desires men to be with him eternally in the lake of fire which is the second death.

2 Corinthians 11 verses 2 to 3 *“For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ”*. Only God searches the heart and tests the minds (Jeremiah 17 verse 10; Revelation 2 verse 23). Satan does not have the authority to pierce the thoughts of men. Satan and his agents act following the actions of men which are the manifestation of

their thoughts. However, they can easily anticipate the reactions of natural and carnal men and set traps for their destruction. This is why Satan and his agents make great use of the natural and carnal men who are not led by the Holy Spirit of the living God to hurt the true children of God or to be an occasion for them to fall.

John 3 verses 5 to 8 *“Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ **The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit**”*. All who are led by the Holy Spirit are like winds and neither Satan, nor the demons, nor men can probe them. Only Jesus The living God knows the thoughts of men before they are formed in them because Jesus is omniscient, He knows all things in advance.

The more a wife is in love with her husband and spends more time with him, the less she takes care of the statements of her enemies. The more the true children of God will love the Lord with a deep love, the less they will take care of Satan. One of the things that is missing in our generation is the total submission to God's will in our lives. We have heard enough "Come to Jesus, you will have this or that". We rarely hear words like, "Come to Jesus, you will be persecuted, you will be misunderstood, you will go through the baptism of fire, you will go through the trials because it is also by that, that Jesus purifies us".

CHAPTER 3: THE PLANS OF MEN IN THEIR LIFE

The heart of men is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. 1 Corinthians 4 verse 5 *“Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal **the counsels of the hearts**. Then each one’s praise will come from God”*. Men also have their own counsels. The Scriptures present us with three types of men:

- The spiritual men: They discern all things, they have the same mind as that of Jesus Christ. A mind of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control, endurance, perseverance in trials, justice. Whatever things that are true, all those that are noble, all those that are just, whatever things that are lovely, all that are pure, all those that are of good report, all those where there is some virtue and anything praiseworthy; all such are the object of their thoughts. The whole will of this type of

men is that Jesus Be Glorified. Their will is to be taken away to see Jesus in the clouds or to die in faith and to be partakers of the Kingdom of Heaven. Their goal is to see Jesus and to be with Him for eternity. 2 Corinthians 10 verse 2 *“But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I **intend** to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh”*. 2 Timothy 3 verse 10 *“But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, **purpose**, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance”*. The will of the spiritual men is also the total acceptance of the will of God in their life. Psalms 40 verse 5 *“Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered”*.

- The carnal men: They are not led by the Spirit of Jesus, they falter between two opinions, they are animated by the desires of their flesh

which are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like. Some of their will are the rejection of the perfect will of God in their life. They mumble against God during difficult times, they pray less during difficult times and abandon faith when they go through difficulties. This type of people are not armed with the thought of suffering for Christ, they think that the christian life is pink, without persecutions and without tribulations. They spend more time in distraction and discouragement during difficult times. During these times, they listen to men rather than to spend more time with Jesus to receive the guidance they need from above. We hear questions like, "If God exists why did He allow such a situation in my life?"; "If God is Love, why am I experiencing this situation?"; "If God is The Father, why does He allow His Child to

live in such a situation?". This type of people forget that the Lord chastens him whom He loves, and scourges whomever He recognizes for His sons (Hebrews 12 verse 6). They forget that Jesus is coming back to seek a glorious Church, without spot, wrinkle, or anything like it, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5 verse 27) and the genuineness of our faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, must be tested by fire, to have the result of praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1 verse 7).

- The natural men: They are not converted, they do not accept Jesus as the only Lord and Savior. They do not receive things from the Spirit of God because they are foolishness to them. Acts 12 verses 1 to 4 *"Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter*

*also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, **intending** to bring him before the people after Passover".* The Greek word *boule* in English purpose, comes from another Greek word "boulomai" which means to will deliberately, have a purpose, be minded, of willing as an affection, to desire. It is the same Greek word "boulomai" that is used in Acts 12 verse 4 where King Herod intended to bring Peter before the people after the Passover feast. The will of the natural men is to satisfy their egos, their personal interests, their honors, and the men. This type of people often reason in this way: "If there is God, why so many famines on earth?"; "If God exists, why so much murder and rape?"; "If God is Love, why so many wars?" The Natural men are ignorant of the fact that creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Adam who subjected

it in hope (Romans 8 verse 20). They are ignorant that more than 80% of the world's wealth goes to the richest 1%. So the famine, the wars are in major party because of the greed and the love of the money of some men. 2 Timothy 3 verses 1 to 5 *“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, **lovers of money**, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ”*. 1 Timothy 6 verses 9 to 10 *“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil**, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and*

pierced themselves through with many sorrows”.

Isaiah 29 verse 15 *“Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord, and their works are in the dark; They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?”.* Many men think that the secrets of their hearts are only known to them alone. Those thoughts make them be hypocritical towards their neighbor, keep grudges for several years and limit God. We see married people who deceive their spouses by practicing adultery and rejoice in the fact that the latter does not know it; people who steal and rejoice that people do not see them, police officers who are corrupt and accept the money of the citizens believing that people do not see them, men who lie to their wives thinking that they do not know, young people who cheat at school and rejoice in the fact that people do not know it, young people who commit abominable things without the knowledge of their parents and who say to themselves that they will not know them. There are also false apostles who do not have the mind of Christ but who enslave the people of God to the Mosaic laws and steal from them and

who do not know that Jesus sees them; false prophets who prophesy lies, who give false hope to the people of God and think that no one knows the secrets of their evil heart; false teachers who secretly introduce pernicious sects, who lose and destroy the people of God and rejoice that no one sees them; false pastors who lie to the people of God, rob them and think that God does not see them.

In the midst of all this, Jesus is all-powerful, He knows all things, He probes hearts and loins, He is able to see a black ant in a dark room. Luke 5 verses 20 to 22 *“When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” And the scribes and the Pharisees **began to reason**, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But when Jesus **perceived their thoughts**, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts?”* Jesus knew the thoughts that were formed in the hearts of the scribes and Pharisees. Just as the spirit of man knows the things of man, God knows the heart of man in depth.

Luke 9 verses 46 to 47 *"Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest. And **Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart**, took a little child and set him by Him"*. Men are most often animated by thoughts that do not glorify The Name of God, which are:

- Thoughts of jealousy: these thoughts are found in carnal people who envy the people God uses for the salvation of souls. They are like Cain who killed his brother Abel because God had regard to Abel and his offering. They slander the true children of God by jealousy. Because of the perversity of their hearts, they attribute the work of God to Satan. They sow tares in the hearts of men with words like, "why always him?", "he wants to be a leader", "he is not of God" etc.... and attract to them unstable souls. Acts 13 verses 44 to 46 *" On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, **they were filled with envy**; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things*

spoken by Paul. Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles". They are fake hypocritical brethren, who disguise themselves in sheep's clothing, whereas they are wolves. These people preach Christ out of envy (Philippians 1 verse 15) in order to prove their point.

- Thoughts of hate: there are more and more people who hold grudges against others, who maintain animosity towards others. Just as Esau conceived hatred against his brother Jacob in Genesis 27 verse 41, these people may live many years with hatred. While Jesus is asking us to bless those who hate us (Matthew 5 verse 44), these people act as the devil who hates men. These people do evil, they hate those who testify that their works are bad. They walk in the darkness, they do not know where they are going because the darkness has blinded their eyes. 1 John 3

verse 15 *"Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him".*

Romans 2 verse16 *"In the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel".* Man must not be seduced by thinking that Jesus does not know the secrets of his heart. It would be rather advantageous for him to completely open his heart full of defects to Jesus in order to have the remission of his sins, the healing of his heart and the salvation of his soul.

CHAPTER 4: TESTIMONY OF THE PLANS OF GOD IN MY LIFE

I give thanks to Jesus the only true God and who is coming back very soon.

I personally have a testimony about GOD's Will in a men's life. In January 2016, God by his Grace allowed one of his princess to be my fiancée. After imploring the Grace of God to reassure me that this sister in Christ was destined to be my future wife, Jesus in his Love reassured me more than four times. My fiancée and I went to see our two families and the two families agreed that we could get married. We were not yet taught that the practice of dowry (lobola in South African language) as done nowadays is not christian. My family had received a list from my in-laws so that the dowry can be made and the tradition of our forefathers respected. In that same period, Jesus Christ of Nazareth with his Grace appeared to me one night in a dream and talked to me. The christian life was beautiful. I could not possibly imagine that Jesus was bringing me somewhere. In February 2017, while I was in my

room, Jesus removed the veil from my eyes and taught me about the practices of the dowry. In the beginning of the teaching I was taught about Genesis 34 verses 1 to 12 “*Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, **he took her and lay with her**, and violated her. His soul was strongly attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman and spoke kindly to the young woman. So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, “Get me this young woman as a wife.” And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were with his livestock in the field; so Jacob held his peace until they came. Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved and very angry, because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob’s daughter, a thing which ought not to be done. But Hamor spoke with them, saying, “The soul of my son Shechem longs for your*

*daughter. Please give her to him as a wife. And make marriages with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters to yourselves. So you shall dwell with us, and the land shall be before you. Dwell and trade in it, and acquire possessions for yourselves in it.” Then Shechem said to her father and her brothers, “Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give. **Ask me ever so much dowry** and gift, and I will give according to what you say to me; but give me the young woman as a wife.”*

This is the first time in the scriptures that the word Dowry appears. The word Dowry in Hebrew is "Mohar" which means the purchase price of a wife. And returning to the passage above, the dowry was paid when a virgin was dishonored by a man before marriage. This is why Shechem's father asked to pay a dowry. For his son had dishonored Dina the daughter of Jacob.

Exodus 22 verse 16 *“If a man entices a virgin who is not betrothed, and **lies with her, he shall surely pay the bride-price** for her to be his wife”*. The

dowry was paid when a man dishonored a virgin and after paying the dowry which was like a form of repair of the damage done, he had to marry the woman. Deuteronomy 22 verses 28 to 29 *“If a man finds a young woman who is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and he seizes her and lies with her, and they are found out, then the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman’s father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife because he has humbled her; he shall not be permitted to divorce her all his days”*.

Jesus gave this testimony: Matthew 15 verses 6 to 9 *“Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men’.*” Jesus says that men made the word or commandment of God of no effect by their tradition and this is still continuing even today. We call

ourselves christians but we walk according to the traditions of men and not according to the word of God. Colossians 2 verse 8 *“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ”.*

In the scriptures, there were voluntary gifts as a sign of gratitude and thanks to the families. It becomes against the word of God when there is a list to follow. It is like trading and purchasing a wife. Genesis 24 verses 1 to 4 and 53 *“Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, “Please, put your hand under my thigh, and I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac.” (...)* Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver,

jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother”. Abraham had sent voluntary gifts, his daughter-in-law's family had not demanded various gifts like we see nowadays.

It was as if the Lord took a big stone and threw it in water. So the dowry in The Bible was only paid when a man lied with a virgin woman. I was asking myself how we are going to start approaching our families to say no to dowry and even worse my family had already received a list from the in-laws.

That same evening, I repented and I resolved in my heart that the marriage will be done without dowry, but I did not know how to do it. I asked Jesus to convince my fiancée also about dowry and to help us in everything. I contacted my fiancée and we shared about the dowry and Jesus in His Grace convinced her that we should not do this practice. Being fully convinced by Jesus, my fiancée and I decided to return to our native country to discuss with our parents face to face on the non-practice of dowry. We said, it is more respectful to talk to

parents face to face, instead of just giving a call from abroad and give our position. At all times, we were praying so that God could dispose the hearts of our parents because we are both from a very traditional tribe.

In April 2017, God allowed us to return home for a few days to talk with our parents. We thought that my family should be satisfied with this and my in-laws to oppose the non-practice of dowry. However, it was the opposite. Jesus touched the hearts of my in-laws who accepted our position but my family was opposing the non-practice of dowry. My family said that we had already received a list from the in-laws and that we had to respect them in order to preserve the family's honor. I bless Jesus because He has filled us with patience and wisdom during all this moments and we had not disrespected our elders, but just took position for the truth with determination and respect. We came back from our home country and went to seek the face of God. Often I said, "Lord, you taught me about the dowry by your Grace and it is The Word, my family is against it: What should I

do? I had a full conviction that I could not stand in opposition against my family if God had not given me the permission or the go-ahead. My fiancée and I were always praying so that God could dispose the hearts of my family.

In May 2017, while I was in another country for a mission of service, God told me audibly in the hotel room that I had to enter forty days of fasting. God had given me the strength to fast and on the last day of fasting, God gave me a dream where He made me leave my body in spirit. I could see my bed, then the roof of the house. God transported me to the heights, I saw my city, the first sky. God continued to carry me up with His Grace and I saw the atmosphere, the earth, and the planets. I went further up and suddenly I saw a big rock of fine gold, the gold I have seen is not comparable to the gold of this world. I saw this big rock coming to meet me at a great speed as if it were detached from somewhere. I looked at this big rock and when it was next to me, it began to float and I saw written on this big rock a Hebrew word and in mind I understood

that it meant Jesus Christ. When I woke up, I grasped that the rock of scandal, the stumbling block Jesus was giving me the go-ahead to come into opposition with my family regarding dowry while bearing the fruits of the Heavenly Kingdom in order to win them.

In December 2017, Jesus in his Grace and immense Love disposed the hearts of my family on the non-practice of dowry and Jesus allowed us to get married without paying dowry and both families were satisfied. We danced that day at The Glory of Jesus and a message on "Forgiveness" was shared.

My wife and I were in peace, we blessed Jesus' Name for His Faithfulness in our lives, and we blessed Jesus' Name for the fulfillment of His purposes in our lives. We did not think there was more to come...

In February 2018, Jesus in His Love allowed my wife to be pregnant with a girl. What a joy! What a faithfulness! We were happy with God's Love in our lives and were praying to give thanks to God for His wonders in our life as a couple. On September 12,

2018, my wife was well, we were in joy. That same day, my wife and I were at the clinic for the 32-week pregnancy visit. The gynecologist told us that my wife must be admitted urgently to the hospital because they found that there were proteins in her urine. It was a shock! I bless Jesus because He gave us the strength. My wife and I had never doubted Jesus' faithfulness. We have hidden in our hearts this word: Romans 8 verse 28 *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His **purpose**"*.

On September 13, 2018, at approximately 3:00 pm, we were informed that we had to enter the operating room in the evening in order to preserve the life of my wife and the future child that God gave us in His Grace. I want to mention that according to the records of the doctors, the child was supposed was to be born the 2nd week of November. It was another shock!

My wife and I were praying and we said: "Jesus, may Your perfect will be done." On September 13, 2018,

when the time came to go to the operating theater, I saw 3 angels dressed in white with swords. I seized in Spirit that there will be a spiritual fight and that the future child will be claimed by a spirit of death. We were praying and I saw a 4th angel coming from Heaven. We entered the operating room and God allowed in His Love that the child could be born. The child screamed for a few seconds and suddenly the child stopped breathing. As I continued to pray to beg the Grace of Jesus, I could see in the Spirit a spiritual fight that was going on. The Doctor was trying to revive the child and nothing was happening. The child's skin had turned blue and I could see tears in the nurse's eyes. I continued to implore God's Grace and when we were on the way to intensive care with the child, Jesus The God of Resurrection restored the breath of life to Michelle (Which means, "Who is like God"; "Who is comparable to God").

The child stood in intensive care for more than a month, and I bless the Lord Jesus who gave us the strength, my wife and I, because we never mumbled against The true God Jesus Christ of Nazareth. On

the contrary, we had the assurance that Jesus is in control. Luke 22 verses 31 to 32 *“And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”* The purposes of God in our life!

The same period that our child Jesus gave us was in the hospital, my mother had a car accident and after 2 weeks in the hospital she died. The same period, my sister-in-law died after a very short illness. The same period, my uncle had a stroke. The same period, thieves entered our family home. It was a training period in the desert! May the name of Jesus be blessed!

By God's Grace, the child is out of the hospital and is doing very well. The hospital costs were over 450 000 South African Rands (over 28 000 Euros) and God allowed us to pay nothing. What a Faithfulness and Grace!

God's plans for our lives are always perfect. Let us leave God accomplish His plans in our lives. God is the eternal Father and He will never want our destruction and perdition. As The Son Jesus was subjected to the will of His Father, let us be subjected to the will of God.

CONCLUSION

God wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. As the creator, Jesus does not enjoy war, famine and the death of the wicked. He wants the wicked to repent, to convert and to live.

If you read this message and have not made peace with God yet, the good news is that Jesus does not consider the times of ignorance and wholeheartedly wants you to invite Him into your life in order to have peace from above.

If you read this message and you accepted Jesus in your life but still walk in your flesh, Jesus wants you to accept his plans in your life so that your character and heart are transformed.

If you read this message and walk in the Spirit of Jesus, continue to accept the plans of God in your life so that you receive the crown of life promised by Jesus.

May Jesus comfort our hearts that cry.

I love you Jesus.

A slave of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.