

God's Plan For Victory Luke 10:17-18

Introduction

Some believers think it doesn't matter what we do or what happens because, in the end, God's plan will prevail. But that kind of thinking is nothing more than the philosophy of fatalism. Fatalism is the belief that all events are predetermined and, therefore, inevitable. Fatalism follows the line of thinking, *Que Sera, Sera*, whatever will be, will be, a song made popular by Doris Day in 1957, re-recorded by Sly and the Family Stone in 1976, and again by Jose Feliciano in 1998 and in 2018 by Marcus Miller. Fatalism is a belief that is alive and well even in the 21st Century.

As Christians, we play a significant part in fulfilling the plan of God, and what we do does matter. Unless we understand our purpose is to fulfill God's plan for our lives and the glory of Christ, we can actually hinder and even postpone God's will. However, there is a note of victory here because God's overall plan for humanity will definitely be successful.

Satan will be defeated. But the details concerning this victory are not completely pre-ordained because the completion of God's eternal plan also involves us. Even though the parameters of God's eternal plan are unchangeable, the role each of us will play is being written and determined by each of us now. Completing God's eternal plan as it relates to each of us is conditional upon our response to the gospel.

I challenge you today to examine your Divinely appointed destiny. Are you committed to fulfilling that destiny despite the opposition you will encounter along the way? In Luke Chapter 10, we see how the early disciples overcame Satan's opposition.

Verse 17 says, "Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and Earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." Then He turned to *His* disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen *it*, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard *it*." (Luke 10:17-24 NKJV)

Jesus Christ is the source of inner strength and power that causes us to overcome those situations of life that threaten to crush our spirit.

In Psalm 8, David writes, "What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet." (Psalms 8:4-6 NKJV)

Jesus still empowers his followers today to triumph despite the hindrance and opposition they face. When you're facing a mountain of conflict and difficulty, Jesus can always help you!

God is the Creator of all things. He is eternal. He has always existed. The Bible says that He is without beginning and end. Just what God did in the eternal dateless past no one really knows. We know God existed from all eternity and that sometime in the dateless past, God made the heavens and the earth, according to Genesis 1. The Bible begins with God as the Creator of all things and ends with God ruling over everything He created.

Psalm 90:2 says, " Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God." (Psalms 90:2 NKJV)

Psalm 93:2 says, " Your throne *is* established from of old; You *are* from everlasting." (Psalms 93:2 NKJV)

I. A Victorious God

Sometime in eternity past, God drafted a plan for a created world. Hebrews 11:3 says, "By faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible." (Hebrews 11:3 NKJV)

Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." We know that God created all of the material elements and arranged them. He formed the planets and galaxies, and universes.

Then, He created man and gave us dominion of planet earth. However, through disobedience, Adam sinned against God and forfeited the dominion and fellowship God had given us. Thankfully, God's plan included our redemption through the shed blood of his Son, Jesus Christ.

One day, God will end all rebellion, oppression, and injustice. God's victorious plan will wipe out all sickness, pain, and sinful struggle of this life. God as the Eternal Creator, is also the Redeemer and Restorer of His creation. When God created the original heavens and Earth, He populated it with subjects. He also created angels. Angels have bodies but not flesh and bone bodies like ours; they have spirit bodies.

The highest order of angels was called archangels. Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer were created archangels as an order of ruling angels. Lucifer was one of the fairest and most powerful angels that God created. But he became enraptured with his own beauty, was deceived with pride, and began to imagine that he could be like God himself. He was so confident in his pride that he convinced 1/3 of all the angels of heaven to rebel against God in an act of high treason.

Lucifer was likely the ruler over this earth and its subjects according to Isaiah 14:12-14, Ezekiel 28:11-17 and Jeremiah 4:23-26. We know from scripture that Lucifer leads a rebellion against God and persuades everyone possible to join him in this rebellion. He defies God openly and leads his rebellion from earth to heaven to dethrone God. But he is met by Michael and the faithful angels, defeated, and cast as lightning back to earth. (Luke 10:18)

As a result of this insurrection, God destroys Lucifer's kingdom on earth and curses the earth, which accounts for the condition of Genesis 1:2 "And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep." According to Jude verse 6, some angels are reserved in chains awaiting their final destruction in the lake of fire. The rest of the fallen angels are the principalities and powers that reside in the heavenlies according to Ephesians Chapter 6, verse 12. Sometime after the defeat of Lucifer, who we know as the Devil or Satan, God decides to remake the heavens and the earth.

Genesis Chapter 1 is the re-creation narrative. According to Genesis, God gave Adam dominion over all of this new creation. Genesis 1:26 says, "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'" ([Genesis 1:26](#))

Adam was in charge of God's new creation. His job was to tend, develop, preserve, and present this wonderful garden to God. What we have is God's gift to us; what we make of it is our gift to Him. Satan, however, hated Adam and Eve for having been made ruler over what once belonged to him, so he set out to destroy them.

God had given everything to Adam and Eve in the garden except for one tree, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He placed that tree there to prove their trust and loyalty. But you know the tragic story of Genesis Chapter 3. Satan tempted Eve, and she ate of the fruit, and Adam sinned with her.

The definition of sin is disobedience to God. When Adam sinned, he handed over this world's dominion back into Satan's hands. It was an act of high treason against God. Adam's sin brought God's curse upon the earth and all of humanity.

But that's not the end of the story. There is still hope for us!

II. A Victorious Hope

John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world!" God already had a plan to redeem Adam and all of his descendants. When Adam gave back dominion of this world to Satan through sin, Satan once again took control of the earth. But when God sent his only begotten Son as a sacrifice to redeem the earth, Jesus recovered dominion of the earth and offered eternal life to all humanity that chooses to serve God rather than Satan. Of course, you have the right to choose which master you will serve, but God has the right to intervene and rescue you if you ask him to do so.

Satan may be the prince and power of the air, but the earth is the Lord's. However, God's will is always done in Heaven. (That is his headquarters) But God's will is not always done in the earth. Hello? Jesus said we should pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Sadly, God's will is not being done on earth.

God's will for all people to be saved. John 3:16 For God so loved the world! But not everyone will be saved. 3 John says, "Beloved, I would that you all prosper and be in health." But not every believer is in perfect health today. There are many things that are God's will, but his will is not always done in the earth.

Two things are always the will of God.

#1 That everyone would be saved. John 3:16.

2 Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

#2 Every person should come to know the truth about God.

Hebrews 1 says, "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they." (Hebrews 1:1-4)

Romans 1 says, "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an

image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen." ([Romans 1:17-25](#))

God's plan for your life is not inevitable; it's available. But you must reach out and take hold of God's calling for your life. There are many promises and blessings for us, and we can live in victory sure enough, but we must avail ourselves of God's promises and blessings according to the scriptures. We must meet the conditions prescribed by the Word. God's will is done when the believer implements it.

Jesus Christ has turned the keys of the kingdom over to us. Having defeated Satan and taken dominion over this world, Jesus has placed back into our hands dominion and victory over sin and the Devil. It was a very costly battle, but Christ secured our victory and dominion through His death on the Cross.

III. A Victorious People

Christ's victory over the grave at His resurrection provided us with the privilege and responsibility to administer the victory of the Cross. Jesus has all power over sickness, fear, anxiety, depression, discouragement, and every enemy attack, and we are victorious in the name of Jesus. Christ has won the victory, but you must choose His victory for your own life.

Let's examine it this way, "Can God do anything, church?" (Be careful) Can he? NO! The Bible says that God is not a man that he should lie. The Bible says that God cannot repeal his Word. God does not deny reality and will not deny his own nature. 2 Timothy 2:13 says, "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." ([2 Timothy 2:13](#))

Hebrews 6:18 says, "It is impossible for God to lie."

There are physical laws that govern the physical world and spiritual laws that govern the spiritual world. These physical laws are constant. (Law of Gravity) But spiritual laws are higher laws that can override physical laws. And when that happens, we usually call it a miracle.

Conclusion

When Adam lost dominion over the Earth, God allowed Satan to gain control over the earth again, with one exception. That exception was that God reserved the right to intervene whenever asked to do so. The avenue through which this request is made is what we call prayer.

Prayer is the legal channel through which God may intervene in your life. We could say that prayer is the channel through which God intervenes to change future circumstances and situations in accordance with his Word.

When you pray to God, learn to pray the Word because when you pray and meet the conditions of God's word, God can answer your prayers. When we pray and ask God to fulfill his will and plan for our life, we destroy Satan's strongholds and establish God's plan in our hearts. When you pray, you invite God to intervene with his promises, blessings, authority, and power. When you pray, you are strengthening your faith in God.

Prayer is the believer's most powerful weapon against Satan and evil. Prayer is the key to our spiritual authority and makes God's will and plan available to us. Christ instructed his disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Christ has commissioned us to be His body, destroy the devil's strongholds, establish his dominion in people's hearts, and administer the victory of the Cross. We can rise above our difficulties and problems today through the great and precious promises of God's Word.

When you embrace Christ's Lordship over your life, you are dealing Satan a death blow. That's God's plan for victory, Christ in you, the hope of glory! That's the power the dominion of Christ has!