

Our Father's Unavoidable Plan

Introduction

- A. We may live our entire life without knowing the purpose of life. Luke 12:13-21
- B. Mistakes can be very costly, particularly spiritual mistakes. Matthew 7:24-27
- C. There is only one all-inclusive plan for life: **Our Father has made an unchangeable and powerful decree that He will exalt His Son, the Lord Jesus. All creation, every angel, every person, and all events, both in time and eternity, are included in that plan.**

I. The Revelation of Our Father's Plan.

- A. The Prophetic Announcement. Psalm 2:6-12 (Daniel 7:13,14)

"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

- B. The New Testament Explanation. Matt 21:33-44 (Col 1:15-19; John 5:19-30; Rev 5:9-14)

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." Matt 21:42-44

II. The All-Inclusive Nature of Our Father's Plan.

- A. It is the purposeful design of all creation. Colossians 1:16-18

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him ... so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

B. It was the understanding and affirmation of the Lord Jesus. John 5:22,23; 6:29,33,35; John 8:12,23,24,58; 14:6; 17:2

I am the bread of life, John 6:48

I am the gate, John 10:9

I am the resurrection and the life, John 11:25

I am the way, the truth and the life, John 14:6

I am the light of the world, John 8:12

I am the good shepherd, John 10:11

I am the true vine, John 15:1

C. It is the goal of the Holy Spirit's ministry. John 16:13,14

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth...He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

D. It is the assignment of the angels. Hebrews 1:6 (Colossians 1:16-18)

And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

E. It is the goal of all aspects of redemption. Is 43:25 (Is 48:9-11; 53:10,11; Acts 15:14)

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."

F. It is the basis of all future judgment of believers and unbelievers. Philippians 2:9-11 (Matt 21:33-44; John 8:23,24; Acts 17:31; 1 Cor 3:11-15; Rev 21:27)

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

III. The Personal and Practical Application of Our Father's Plan.

A. Our Father's plan to exalt the Lord Jesus must be # 2 on our list of priorities. Matt. 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (The word "first" is to be above the "these things" not above God.)

B. Our Father's plan must be accepted and practiced in our daily life. Romans 12:1,2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers ...to offer your bodies as living sacrifices ...Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Conclusion: We must begin by expressing love, worship and thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus

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