

## Thoughts of Peace

**Jeremiah 29:11-13 ( NKJV )** <sup>11</sup>For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup>Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup>And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Whether old or young, we are plagued by some fears or other. It is very rare to find a person who says there are no fears in his/her life. The root of most of the fears we possess is due to some insecurity. What if I lose my job? What if I don't get a prize? What if, if I miss out on a promotion.

These seemingly little worries slowly gnaws at the joy of the Lord in our hearts. But when we can put our absolute trust in the word of God, then we can really come into the rest of God's plan and security. Though it is easier said than done. But many saints of God have found this and proved this to be true in their lives. Take for example, George Mueller. What faith and what assurance he had in his God!

Actually this verse is very prophetic. It's very prophetic in the sense that it is going to happen only after 70 long years. Actually Jeremiah is presently prophesying that Jerusalem will be burnt, which no one is willing to believe. Though they did not believe in his first prophecy, undeterred Jeremiah now goes to the latter day prophecy, that is the restoration that is to come after 70 years. Unmindful of the jeering crowd, he kept on speaking the promise of God over the lives of God's own people.

My dear friend if God has given you this word, hold on to it with all your life and wait. Even if it's going to be 70 years , it will happen. Just trust and go forward.

One thing which I like most in this verse is that the Lord has only. " thoughts of peace," regarding our lives. Another translation reads, "thoughts of welfare." But though the events that may happen in our lives may be contrary to the "thoughts of welfare or peace," this word is still true. Our God can turn these very contrary situations of our life into His own plan of peace, hope and future. Just look at the life of John Newton. He was a slave ship owner once, then when he came to the Lord, not only did he give up the slave trade, but became a strong advocate to champion the cause of abolishing slavery. It will not be an exaggeration to say that it was because of such people, slave trade never became a huge boiling unjust issue in England as it later became in America.

Do not despair if all the situations of your life are contrary to this joy and peace. Yet the Lord is in control. Ultimately it is His thoughts of peace that will triumph over our lives.