

Jeremiah 29:11

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God thinks of us constantly, and His thoughts are always for our peace and eternal glory.

Scripture: Psalm 40:17, Proverbs 3:5, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 10:30, Romans 8:28

Topics: "God's Thoughts", "Hope in Hardship"

Description

Chuck Smith reflects on the profound nature of God's thoughts towards us, emphasizing that God is always aware of our circumstances and never forgets us, even in times of hardship. He draws from David's recognition of God's constant awareness and care, reminding us that God's thoughts are rooted in peace and hope, especially for His children. Smith highlights that while we may feel abandoned during difficult times, God is always thinking of our ultimate good and the expected end, guiding us away from immediate temptations towards eternal joy and righteousness.

Transcript

"THINKING OF YOU"

Intro: It is always awesome to contemplate the nature of God. Omnipotence - omnipresence - eternal omniscience.

I. GOD THINKS OF ME.

A. David recognized this truth.

1. "Though I am poor and needy, yet..."
2. "And thy thoughts unto me, if I should..."

B. He thinks of me constantly.

1. He knows when I sit down and when I stand.
2. Jesus said He "knows the number of the hairs..."

C. There are times in our lives when we are prone to think that God has forgotten us.

1. Jeremiah is writing to the captives in Babylon.

- a. Settle down there.
 - b. Don't listen to false prophets.
 - c. You're going to be there 70 years.
 - d. God is thinking of you.
2. God was thinking of them in their captivity.
 3. God doesn't think of me just part of the time.
- D. It is always comforting to know that someone you love is thinking of you.
1. We oftentimes receive these printed notes, "Thinking of you."
 - a. Somehow it makes you feel good.

II. WHAT DOES GOD THINK OF ME?

- A. This all depends on my relationship to Him.
1. Whether I am His child or not.
 2. Of some, God thinks - "Thou fool."
- B. If I am His child, His thoughts are peace and not evil.
1. They had been disobedient children.
 2. They were now being punished.
 - a. As a child, when I was punished for my wrong doing, I used to get that "nobody loves me" syndrome.
 3. Yet God assures His thoughts for peace, not evil.
- C. God is always thinking of the expected end.
1. He has the foresight to see down the path to the end.
 - a. Sometimes I think He is cruel for blocking my path.
 - b. He can see the disaster that lies ahead.
 2. He always has the end result in view.
 - a. Man's folly often demonstrated by his failure to consider the end results.
 1. He chooses the immediate euphoria of coke.

2. The relaxation from alcoholic beverage.
 3. Soothing of a cigarette.
 4. The excitement of an affair.
- b. God in His wisdom always thinks of the end.
1. The path may seem straight and narrow - at the end is eternal glory.
 2. I may walk the path of suffering, but at the end is eternal joy.
 3. I may deny myself and take up my cross to follow Him now.
- The end is a crown of righteousness - His kingdom.

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