

GOD'S PERFECT WILL
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JEREMIAH 29:11-14

God has a wonderful plan for our lives. A plan for good, not evil, that includes peace (shalom) and an expected end (future hope).

- These words were spoken to a nation under judgment. They were on their way to Babylon where they would be in captivity for 70 years. They had serious thoughts about what God thought of them. In that context God spoke. **JEREMIAH 29:11-14**
- Shalom means to be overwhelmingly blessed in every area of life. It means peace, prosperity, favor, blessing, health, protection, provision, and abundance. These are God's thoughts for His people.
- **PSALMS 139:13-18 (ESV)** David praises the miracle of conception and birth as a wonderful work of the omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent God.

I am fearfully and wonderfully made (PSALMS 139:14). There is no more wonderful work of God in the whole universe than a human being. Each human body has trillions of cells falling into some five classifications, and recent research into the mysteries of the DNA, the effective element in conception, has added almost incredible dimensions to the wonder which men already had identified, but which is a million times more wonderful than anyone ever dreamed it was until recent discoveries by such noted medical doctors as Dr. Elton Stubblefield, a director of such research at the M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

He recently declared in a public address that each cell (and, remember there are trillions of them) at the moment of conception is supplied with a library of one quarter of a million words commanding that cell exactly how many times to multiply, and when to die. That is the reason one's nose is not as long as that of an elephant! In view of this knowledge, and it is only beginning to be unraveled and deciphered, one must admit that the words that stand at the head of these two paragraphs in PSALMS 139:14 are the greatest understatement on earth.

God's thoughts are the same for everyone – shalom!

- Understanding God's love for us helps us discover His will for our lives. For this reason, our enemy works hard to distort our concept of God. If we think God's frustrated with us and views us as hopeless losers, we won't have confidence to seek His will for our lives.
- God's will was established in our mother's womb. God thought about us and detailed our lives before we were born. He knew us at conception in

our unformed state. His thoughts can't be counted. He wrote everything about our lives before we ever left the womb. We are not afterthoughts.

- Eve allowed Satan to distort her concept of God by making her think three things:
 1. Her will was better than God's.
 2. Her love for herself was greater than God's.
 3. She could bless herself more than God could. Her thoughts about herself took her off the course God had for her life and set her on the road to destruction.
- God wants us to know three things:
 1. He loves us more than we love ourselves.
 2. His will is much better for us than ours.
 3. He can bless us way more than we can bless ourselves.

REROUTING – JEREMIAH 29:13-14

God's course has been established before we were born. Like Adam and Eve, we've all made mistakes and wrong turns. God doesn't reject us because of our failures, He redeems us and reroutes us to get us back on the course of His will for our lives.

DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL – PROVERBS 16:3 (AMPC)

1. The general revealed will.
 - A. Salvation – **1 TIMOTHY 2:4**
 - B. Spirit filled – **EPHESIANS 5:17-18**
 - C. Sanctification – **1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-4**
 - D. Seek the Kingdom – **MATTHEW 6:33**
 - E. Refuse worry and anxiety – **MATTHEW 6:25**
2. Keys to discovering God's specific will.
 - A. Walk with God. **PROVERBS 3:5-6**
 - B. Surrender to God's general revealed will. **ROMANS 12:1-2**
 - C. Obey what we know to be God's will. **EPHESIANS 5:17-18**
 - D. Seek Godly counsel. **PROVERBS 11:14**
 - E. Know our gift. **1 PETER 4:10**
 - F. Be Spirit led. **ROMANS 8:14**
 - G. Listen to our heart. **PROVERBS 37:4-5**
 - H. Commit our works to God. **PROVERBS 16:3 (AMPC)**