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Plans to Prosper

Jeremiah 29:11

Students graduate in a few weeks. They will receive many graduation gifts. Printed on one of those gifts will be Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you.” What an incredible promise of a happy and prosperous life. Or is it? Is Jeremiah 29:11 a blanket promise to a long and good life? No. It is much more.

Additional Verses:

Psalms 40:5

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Philippians 3:20

Hebrews 13:14

1 Peter 2:11

Outline:

1. God’s thoughts are directed toward His people.

2. God’s thoughts toward His people are good.

3. God’s thoughts toward His people promise a future.

Study Questions:

1. How is Jeremiah 29:11 commonly misapplied? Why is this harmful?

2. What truth does Psalm 40:5 teach? Why are God’s thoughts on His people?

3. Why are God’s thoughts toward His people good? How does this help us when we sin? What does it teach us about grace?

4. How is Jesus the ultimate fulfillment of Jeremiah 29:11? How does this encourage believers today?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?