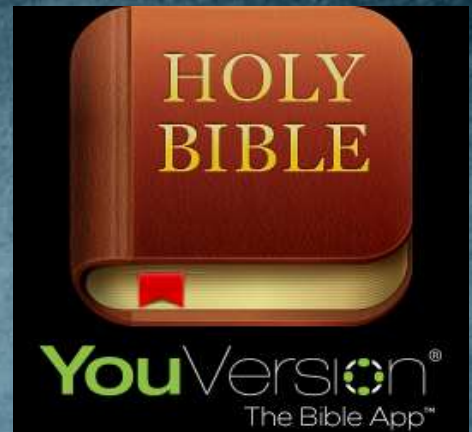




Scripture



Look for our event!

Ruth 4:1-22

Joy Comes In The Morning

5/24/2020

I. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Our Good

We often evaluate our involvement in evangelism and ministries of mercy according to the same scale as Mr. So-and-So. We ask, “What is in it for me? Will it fulfill me? Will I enjoy it? What will it cost me?” In doing the arithmetic, we get the answers as completely wrong as he did, because we have left God entirely out of the equation...

I. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Our Good

We calculate and protect ourselves and insist that two and two can only ever equal four . . . and we may never know the blessing that we have lost.

Indeed, part of the message of the Book of Ruth is that God's kingdom operates on a different kind of calculus, a "new math" in which the way to fullness runs through emptiness...

I. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Our Good

Mr. So-and-So didn't do that kind of math, so the numbers didn't add up for him. He clung to what he had and in consequence lost something far greater, something he never even dreamed of.

~Ian Duguid

I. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Our Good

Jeremiah 29:11 -

“I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you a future and a hope!”

Job 42:10 -

“And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord increased all that Job had twofold.”

I. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Our Good

Psalm 51:12 -

“Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit.”

Jeremiah 30:17 -

“I will restore you to health and I will heal you of your wounds.”

I. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Our Good

Jeremiah 29:14 -

“I will be found by you and will restore your fortunes.”

Zechariah 9:12 -

“This very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you.”

I. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Our Good

Psalm 30:5 -

Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in
the morning!

II. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Eternal Good and Glory

Matthew 1:1-5 -

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez...

II. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Eternal Good and Glory

Matthew 1:1-5 -

and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse.”

II. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Eternal Good and Glory

Gal. 3:13 -

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us”

II. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Eternal Good and Glory

I Peter 1:18-19 -

“You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.”

II. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Eternal Good and Glory

Ephesians 1:11-12 -

“In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.”

II. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Eternal Good and Glory

Mark 8:34-35 -

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it.”

II. God is Weaving Our Circumstances for Eternal Good and Glory

Ps. 138:7-8 -

“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life...The Lord will fulfill all his purposes for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever!

“The book of Ruth wants to teach us that God’s purpose for his people is to connect us to something far greater than ourselves. God wants us to know that when we follow Him, our lives always mean more than we think they do...There is always a connection between the ordinary events of life and the stupendous work of God in history.”

~**John Piper**