

# Lord, What Does My Future Hold?



*"Strength and dignity are her clothing and her position is strong and secure. She rejoices over the future—the latter day, or time to come [knowing that she and her family are in readiness for it]." Proverbs 31:25 Amplified*

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This lady rejoiced over the future because she prepared herself and her family for it. None of us knows what is in our future, but we can be sure it will have a mixture of laughter and tears, joy and sorrow, sickness and health. We can also be sure that God knows all about each of our futures. In Psalms 139:14-16, the Bible tells us that before we were born, every day of our lives was written in God's book. It's a great comfort to know that nothing takes God by surprise. Nothing I do and nothing that happens to me shocks God.

For most of us the future is uncertain; for many it's fearful. We make plans, but then comes the unexpected: illness; divorce; a job loss or a transfer; a miscarriage; a broken relationship; a church split; a car accident; a million things that can change in a moment can change all our plans and redirect our lives. The good side is that many of our plans are fulfilled, and our lives have unexpected joys and blessings that can redirect our lives in a good way. Just like the Proverbs 31 lady, we can rejoice over the future in good times as well as in bad if we prepare ourselves and our families.

So how do we prepare for the future? By daily spending time with God; by daily reading, studying and applying the Bible; by daily prayer, both speaking to

God and listening to Him; and then by obeying all that He tells us. Beloved, we've got time to eat, sleep, and shower; we've got time for shopping, sports, TV, and computers. Do we have time for the most important person in our lives, Jesus Christ? Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV) tells us, *"For 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 hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."*

When I put my trust in Jesus as my Savior, I allowed God's amazing grace to change my priorities. I may miss sleep or a meal and I don't own a TV, but I never miss my daily time with Jesus or my daily time in the Word. Through prayer and Bible study, God has constantly prepared me for the future. He has been faithful through my joys and my sorrows. I encourage you, surrender your life to Jesus Christ daily, read and obey His Word daily, and trust Him with your future. You can trust Him.

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