

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

**“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

(Hebrews 4:12)

“I KNOW”

THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

“¹¹For I know the thoughts (*plans*) that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹²Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity (*exile*); I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.”

(Jeremiah 29:11–14)

"I KNOW"

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"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul."

(1 Peter 2:11 ESV)

"Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."

(1 Corinthians 10:11,12)

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1. *Reassurance of God*

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His Promise

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2. Restoration of God

12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **13** And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. **14** I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity (*exile*) ...

His Purpose

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(Jeremiah 29:11–14)

3. Responsibilities of God’s People

- ⁵“Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce...
⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile,
and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will
find your welfare.” (Jeremiah 29:5–7 ESV)**

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“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows Him His counsel? Whom did He consult, and who made Him understand? Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales ...

To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with Him?”

(Isaiah 40:12–18)