

Chapter 2

Plans and Agendas

1. When we have a plan, and God has a plan, and those two plans don't seem to be matching up, we are mightily tempted to ignore God's plan altogether. What do Psalm 9:17 and Galatians 6:17 warn about living as if God wasn't there?
2. Have you ever made a willful choice against God? How do people in Jeremiah 18:12 decide to live their lives?
3. God is aware of our wandering hearts. He lets us make our own choices. But we are warned that the plans we make apart from God are doomed from the start.
 - Why do people's plans fail according to Isaiah 22:11?
 - What happens to those who try to hide their plans from God, according to Isaiah 29:15?
 - What is certain for those who are contrary and rebellious to God?
4. When Jesus had risen from the dead and all of Jerusalem was in an uproar over it, the Jewish leaders gathered together to try to decide what to do. In the end, what were the wise words that dictated the Sanhedrin's decision, found in Acts 5:38-39?
5. You can't get around the sovereignty of God. He sees all, knows all, and can do all He plans. What do each of these verses tell us about God's plans and mere mortals?
 - Psalm 33:10
 - Proverbs 16:9
 - Proverbs 19:21
6. David was delighted that God had so many plans for his life. What did he express gratitude for in Psalm 40:5?

7. What does the psalmist say about God's plans for us in Psalm 138:8?

8. There is comfort in the fact that the Lord is changeless. He's dependently the same no matter what our circumstances might be. The same can be said of His plans. What does Psalm 33:11 tell us about God's plans?

9. When we give our plans and agendas over into God's capable hands, we needn't fear. What does Jeremiah 29:11 tell us God has planned for us?