

December 31, 2020

Well, this is my last devotional for the year. I hope you have been challenged, as I have, to see that God's love is all around you and that He shows His love in so many ways. He has put on my heart to continue these devotionals through next year as well. The focus this year has been - Because God is **LOVE**. Next year will be - Because God is **LORD**. I hope you will continue your journey with me. Thanks! Pastor Rod Compton

Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 205

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His future planning love**. **Jer. 29:11**, ***“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 hope and a future.”***

The Hebrew word for *plans* is **hamma cha shavot** which means *to devise, invent, think through and bring to pass*. If you have not already realized it, God has a purpose and plan for your life. He really does. He wants to lead you and guide you in His way. He wants to empower you to rise above this world's thinking (which a friend of mine calls “stinking thinking”). He wants to show you His purpose for your life and help you use His power to accomplish that purpose. He wants to “prosper” you. The Hebrew word means to make you complete, sound, and full of peace. He wants to “not harm” you. The Hebrew word means to keep you from misery, distress and evil.

What a great life we could live if we would just relinquish our wills to Him and follow His path for us. We would miss so many trials and tribulations if we would but follow Him and rely on Him. The reason He desires this for us is because of His unconditional love. So, as we have seen this love, experienced this love, and accepted this love, let us now go forward and shine this love so that the world can see Him through us.

Dear Father, we want Your plans for us to shine through. Please remove in us, anything that would stifle following You, or cause us to stumble on the path You have for us. In Jesus Name, Amen