

THOUGHT

Looking for a particular Psalm, my Bible flipped open at Proverbs 19 v 21:

“Many the plans in a person’s head, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails”.

We have made so many plans between us all – wonderful holidays booked, birthday gatherings, family celebrations, dental appointments, hair cuts, to say nothing of church services and distributing Easter eggs ... the list is endless. And, more seriously, (if we’re allowed comparisons) hospital appointments and treatment put on hold. We are human and created as social beings and this is how we make our society work. The Egyptian leaders made plans for the eventuality of a famine; when Gideon put out the fleece, he thought it through first; Jesus himself said that we should certainly do a bit of forward planning if we were going to build a tower.

We know in our heads that God is in control of our lives, and when things change – floods cut off transport, illness means a holiday has to be cancelled, a friend cancels a coffee date – He still shows us a) how to use the time and b) what He is teaching us.

Jesus tells his disciples to “keep watch” because “you do not know” when He will return (Mark 13). How can we live, when there is sudden alteration to absolutely all plans? As they say, you couldn’t make it up! The whole world, regardless of culture or circumstance, has to do this social distancing and self-isolation. And we are still not in control. What a lesson for the world! God says, *“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundations? Who marked off its dimensions? On what were its footings set or who laid its corner stone, while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?”* Read Job 38 and 39 and be transported by the poetry into the intricacies of God’s creation. He began it all. He is alpha and omega. He is in control! We live day by day, through his grace and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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