

GOD IS ...

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God Has a Plan

God is _____.

God loves _____.

Omnipresent: God is _____.

God is _____.

Omnipotent: God has _____.

God is in _____.

Omniscient: God is _____.

God _____.

I) God has a plan even when:

A) I _____.

B) I _____.

C) I _____.

D) I _____.

E) _____.

The LORD will work out his plans for my life — for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever... Psalm

138:8a

God's Plan is:

II) _____ than me.

A) The Israelites did evil in the LORD's sight. So the LORD handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. ² The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. ³ Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel, ⁴ camping in the land and destroying crops as far away as Gaza. They left the Israelites with nothing to eat, taking all the sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys. ⁵ These enemy hordes, coming with their livestock and tents, were as thick as locusts; they arrived on droves of camels too numerous to count. And they stayed until the land was stripped bare. ⁶ So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help. Judges 6:1-6

B) But the LORD's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken. Psalm 33:11

III) _____ my plan.

A) ¹¹ Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. ¹² The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!" ¹³ "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites." ¹⁴ Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" ¹⁵ "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!" ¹⁶ The LORD said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man." Judges 6:11-16

B) _____.

C) "Am I going to trust my plan or am I going to trust God's plan?"

D) We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps. Proverbs 16:9

E) God's way is perfect. All the LORD's promises prove true... Psalm 18:30a

IV) Always brings _____.

A) ¹ So Jerub-baal (that is, Gideon) and his army got up early and went as far as the spring of Harod. The armies of Midian were camped north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. ² The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength. ³ Therefore, tell the people, 'Whoever is timid or afraid may leave this mountain and go home.'" So 22,000 of them went home, leaving only 10,000 who were willing to fight. ⁴ But the LORD told Gideon, "There are still too many! Bring them down to the spring, and I will test them to determine who will go with you and who will not." ⁵ When Gideon took his warriors down to the water, the LORD told him, "Divide the men into two groups. In one group put all those who cup water in their hands and lap it up with their tongues like dogs. In the other group put all those who kneel down and drink with their mouths in the stream." ⁶ Only 300 of the men drank from their hands. All the others got down on their knees and drank with their mouths in the stream. ⁷ The LORD told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home." Judges 7:1-7

B) What is it about your life right now that's pointing others to Jesus?

C) For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen. Romans 11:36

D) "Only God could have done that."

V) Always for _____.

A) That night the LORD said, "Get up! Go down into the Midianite camp, for I have given you victory over them! Judges 7:9

B) When the 300 Israelites blew their rams' horns, the LORD caused the warriors in the camp to fight against each other with their swords. Those who were not killed fled to places as far away as Beth-shittah near Zererah and to the border of Abel-meholah near Tabbath. Judges 7:22

C) That is the story of how the people of Israel defeated Midian, which never recovered.

Throughout the rest of Gideon's lifetime—about forty years—there was peace in the land.

Judges 8:28

For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11