Exploring and Discovering Gods Plan

## SEARCHING THE VISIBLE,

## DISCOVERING THE INVISIBLE

Colossians 1:15-16

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[Daniel 2:1](https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/scripture/sermons-on-daniel-21/?keyword=Daniel+2%3A1&ref=SermonDetails)

In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep.

Have you ever felt that God has lost control?

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**• Woman who had been involved in an accident was filling out the police report.**

**• *"I hit a patch of ice, my car began to spin counterclockwise. I hit the curb at which point my car began to spin clockwise. After that I narrowly avoided getting a house and a telephone pole. And if that point I lost control of my vehicle."***

Have you ever felt like your life was out of control?

Have you ever felt even God had lost control?

Sometimes we look at the events in our life, or t of our friends, or at the evening news, and we can’t help but wonder**, "God what is your plan for this world?"**

**THIS WEEK OUR VBS TEAM and GALACTIC EXPLORERS will DISCOVER GODS PLAN**

SPOILER ALERT!!!!

I want to assure you that, even we can’t see it, God is still in charge and God still has a plan.

Whether you know it or not you are involved in at least three aspects of God’s plan!

 King Nebuchadnezzar **found out the hard way** that God had a plan.

He has a dream one night. He can’t remember his dream, but it troubled him and kept him from sleeping.

Eventually, Daniel is called in to interpret the dream.

**"God has a plan, Oh King, and you are part of it!"**

We will look at this in more detail this, I want to use it this morning as a starting place to explore God’s plan in the world today.

**What is God’s plan, and how does it involve us?**

**God has a cosmic plan**

What is God’s cosmic plan? What does that even mean? Cosmic Plan?

It is His eternal plan of **reconciliation and redemption**.

Follow this progression:

\*the creation of the universe

\*the fall of humanity into sin, it’s tragic results in the human race

\*Christ’s incarnation and death of the cross

\*the ultimate redemption of all that has been tainted by sin

**THAT IS THE WHOLE PICTURE IN A VERY FEW WORDS**

Unless you see and believe the **big picture** you will miss the detailed plan

## VBS THEME is AWESOME....

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• The Bible is like that. Unless you understand that the bible is really just God giving us the details of His Cosmic plan, those details won’t make much sense to you.

You might say "that’s really nice to know, but it doesn’t have very much to do with me!"

Wrong!  [**John 3:16**](https://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/niv/john-3-16?keyword=John+3%3A16).

How you relate to God’s cosmic plan will determine where you spend eternity.

Through God’s cosmic plan He is able to offer us forgiveness and redemption.

**How we respond to His offer of forgiveness and redemption makes all the difference in the world!**

God has a cosmic plan, and one way or another you are involved in that plan.

**God has a national plan**

Back to Nebuchadnezzar’s dream... Let me just give you the punch line:

**It involved the rise and fall of different nations that would play a part in God’s plan. And the rise and fall of those nations is in the hand of God!**

This might surprise you, but the reason Babylon existed was to judge the nation of Israel. See [**Habakkuk 1:6**](https://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/niv/habakkuk-1-6?keyword=Habakkuk+1%3A6).

For 490 years Israel had been sinning against God. At the end of 490 years God said, "That’s enough!" And so He sent Babylon into Israel to judge the nation.

**• An Atheist in Midwest wrote to paper and said, “I’m going to prove there is no God.” Planted corn in one certain section of farm. Only worked it on Sunday. Would curse the name of God as he worked it. Produced more per acre than any other part of his farm, and more than any of his godly neighbors.**

**• Wrote editorial letter and said, “I guess that proves there is no God.”**

**• The wise and godly editor simply added this comment after the man’s letter. “No, it only proves that God doesn’t always settle accounts in September.”**

• God waited 490 years to settle his account with Israel, and when he did settle it he used to Babylon to do so.

The Bible says, **"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."** God blesses those nations that honor him. But he also judges those nations that dishonor Him.

**I tremble for our country.**

Our country was founded on Christian principles. More and more, we are living in a time when those principles are just being ignored. They are being violated! We need to remember the lesson that Israel learned, and that Babylon learned, and that all the other nations that have preceded us learned. We exist only by the grace and forbearance of God. When we stop honoring him we do so at our own risk.

God has a national plan.

**God has a personal plan**

The things that happened in Daniel’s life were no accident.

He was where he was at the time he was, was all part of God’s sovereign plan for his life.

God had a personal plan for Daniel’s life!

I want you to know something. God has a personal plan for each and every person who has ever been born.

He has one for me, and he has one for you! Now, I’m not certainly not the only person who believes this:

θ Jeremiah did. [**Jeremiah 1:5**](https://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/niv/jeremiah-1-5?keyword=Jeremiah+1%3A5)

θ Psalmist did. [**Psalms 139:16**](https://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/niv/psalms-139-16?keyword=Psalms+139%3A16)

θ Jesus did. [**Matthew 26:39**](https://www.sermoncentral.com/bible/niv/matthew-26-39?keyword=Matthew+26%3A39)

Many believe life just happens by **random chance**.

• We weren’t created by design- we’re just products of chance. They believe there is no plan or purpose behind our lives- we are what we are because we just happened to be that way.

• God says something different, however. He says, **“I created you, and I created you for a purpose. I have a plan and a will for your life!”**

God has a will for our lives.

We may be ignorant of that will, or we may choose rebelliously not to follow that will, but the fact remains that God has a will for our lives!

I used to think that most people didn’t know God’s will for their life. But do you know something?

 I’ve changed my mind on that. I believe that most people know at least a large portion of God’s will for their life.

**The problem is not with knowing God’s will; the problem is with doing God’s will.**

May I ask you something?

What would be different in your life if you were perfectly living out God’s will?

**God has a cosmic plan:** Do you know Christ?

**God has a national plan:** Are you praying for your country?

**God has a personal plan for you:** Are you following it?

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# ****GALACTIC STARVEYORS****™

## DISCOVERING THE GOD

## OF THE UNIVERSE

Discover the incredible mysteries of the final frontier—right from your own backyard. Your telescope becomes a portal through which you encounter amazing and wonderful things designed by a Creator who is even bigger than the vastness of His creation. But the most amazing wonder to be discovered truly boggles the mind. The God who created everything there is—the knowable and the unknowable, the visible and the invisible—wants a relationship with you! And from the very beginning, God had a plan to restore the relationship He knew we would break.

**BIBLE VERSE:**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions  or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:15-16

## ****The Relationship Began****

**Bible Passage:** Genesis 1:1-2,26-31; John 1:1,14

**Bonus Verse:** He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together. Colossians 1:17

**The Point:** The God who created everything wants a relationship with us.

## ****The Relationship Broken****

**Bible Passage:** Genesis 3

**Bonus Verse:** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

**The Point:** Sin messed everything up, but God is still in control.

## ****The Restoration Promised****

**Bible Passage:**Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 2:22-38

**Bonus Verse:** The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. John 1:14a

**The Point:** God sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world.

## ****The Relationship Restored****

**Bible Passage:** Mark 15:22–16:7

**Bonus Verse:** In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them. 2 Corinthians 5:19a

**The Point:**Jesus gave His life to be my Savior.

## ****The Relationship Continues****

**Bible Passage:** John 21:1-19; Acts 1:4,8

**Bonus Verse:** But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit–the Father will send Him in My name–will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you. John 14:26

**The Point:** Even though I mess up, God still loves me and will never leave me.

## ****Motto:****

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