

FOLLOWING GOD'S PLAN FOR US

Acts 3:18-21

[“]18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.”

[“]18 Pero Dios ha cumplido así lo que había antes anunciado por boca de todos sus profetas, que su Cristo había de padecer. ¹⁹ Así que, arrepentíos y convertíos, para que sean borrados vuestros pecados; para que vengan de la presencia del Señor tiempos de refrigerio, ²⁰ y él envíe a Jesucristo, que os fue antes anunciado; ²¹ a quien de cierto es necesario que el cielo reciba hasta los tiempos de la restauración de todas las cosas, de que habló Dios por boca de sus santos profetas que han sido desde tiempo antiguo.”

INTRO: Many of us have tried through the years making resolutions to make our live better for the coming New Year. Some have accomplished their goals, others didn't. There are many motivational speakers trying to convince people to do this or that, and many become followers of others.

As we start the New Year, have you thought of following God's plan for you? It's interesting that when you read His Word for you, He already has setup a plan for us. Let us go to His Word and just see some basics for the year 2021.

I. GOD ALWAYS FULFILLS HIS PLAN FOR US

1. *He is faithful to His Word*

- 1) **Num 23:19** [“]19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?” [“]19 *Dios no es hombre, para que mienta, Ni hijo de hombre para que se arrepienta. El dijo, ¿y no hará? Habló, ¿y no lo ejecutará?*”

2. *His Word will not return void*

- 1) **Is. 55:11** [“]11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it” [“]11 *así será mi palabra que sale de mi boca; no volverá a mí vacía, sino que hará lo que yo quiero, y será prosperada en aquello para que la envié*”

II. IT IS CENTERED ON JESUS CHRIST – [“]19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord” [“]19 *Así que, arrepentíos y convertíos, para que sean borrados vuestros pecados; para que vengan de la presencia del Señor tiempos de refrigerio*”

1. *Life doesn't evolve around you*

2. *Life is centered on Jesus*

- 1) Vs. 18 [“]18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer” [“]18 *Pero Dios ha cumplido así lo que había antes anunciado por boca de todos sus profetas, que su Cristo había de padecer*”
- 2) Many of us have mentioned throughout the years: “Israel is the place for us to see when it comes to prophecy; No: It's Jesus”

3. *The Good News*

- 1) It has to be preached in all the world before His coming

4. *Repentance is a must*

- 1) When we repent – It means for us to stop doing what displeased God

5. *Convert*

- 1) This is a 180 degree turnaround; a total change of life

6. *Times of refreshing have to come*

- 1) Like I ministered last Sunday in midst of caos, when can still sing: "Halleluiah"
- 2) This means that God is bringing a revival among us!
 - (1) We were spiritually dead
 - (2) We thirst and hunger for Him
 - (3) We want more of Him

III. **JESUS IS STILL IN HEAVEN ANTICIPATING HIS COMING** - "²¹ He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets" "²¹ a quien de cierto es necesario que el cielo reciba hasta los tiempos de la restauración de todas las cosas, de que habló Dios por boca de sus santos profetas que han sido desde tiempo antiguo"

1. *The angels announced this*

2. *He is interceding for us*

- 1) 2 Tim. 2:5 "⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"
"⁵ Porque hay un solo Dios, y un solo mediador entre Dios y los hombres, Jesucristo hombre"

3. *He is at the right hand of the Father*

- 1) Heb. 10:12 "¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God" "¹² pero Cristo, habiendo ofrecido una vez para siempre un solo sacrificio por los pecados, se ha sentado a la diestra de Dios"

4. *Until all have been fulfilled*

- 1) Mr. 13:32 "³² No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" "³² Pero de aquel día y de la hora nadie sabe, ni aun los ángeles que están en el cielo, ni el Hijo, sino el Padre"

CONCLUSION: I believe in the Blessed Hope of the Church, which is the rapture. I believe that this is just the beginning of what is to come. Prophecies are being fulfilled and Jesus is at the door anticipating for the Church to be taking into heaven and join with Him is the Wedding Supper that He has for us. There people will not be wearing masks nor practicing social distances.

Let us follow God's plan for our lives instead of following others. Let us follow His goals instead of setting resolutions.

