

Hand Picked - Bishop Rice

Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

We are a spirit that lives in a body with a soul. So our spirit always was. It existed and God knew us before we knew ourselves. Then our body was conceived in our mothers womb, God deposited our spirit in that developing body.

So God is not a situational God. In other words, God doesn't wait until something happens to develop a plan, but he divinely orchestrates what He wants to accomplish. Sometimes it happens long before we understand what is occurring.

Like Joseph in Genesis 45:5-11

Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

God formulated a plan. Joseph didn't understand his dream when when he told his father and his brothers. However, the telling of his dream to his family, unbeknownst to Joseph, that ACTIVATED God's plan to ensure the future and safety of "the children of Israel", by having Joseph years later in position to feed them and prevent their starvation by providing for them in a famine.

Matthew 22:14

For many are called, but few are chosen.

Many people are called, but not many are chosen to fulfill God's will and plan specifically for His use at a specific time, for a specific purpose.