

chapel 2/5/74 -- Jeremiah

his season; his leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." It does not say that he will necessarily prosper. It says that what he does shall prosper. It says that he shall accomplish what God has for him. The one who has the great victories and great accomplishments in life are not necessarily the ones who accomplish the most for God. God has two things in mind. He has a plan for the world and He has a place for each of us in His plan. He has work for us to do, and that work may be a work of victory or it may be a work of suffering depending on which fits into His plan.

But there is another aspect. God has a great work to do for each one of us. Perhaps this is even more important than the other; even more important than what happens in this world is what happens in those whom God has set apart and called in order that they should be inheritors of all the good things He has to give to us.. How will one particular person develop in the way in which God desires him to develop? Will he develop most by going forward on wings of joy and accomplishing great things? Or will he be more fitted into God's plan for his development if he has a life of seeming failure, a life of disappointment. I think we often forget this, but I think this is very ~~f~~ vital, and I think Jeremiah is an outstanding illustration of it. For most believers it is true, they can say the lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places. Most believers are far better off in this world than if they did not know the Lord, but there are a substantial number who it is God's will that though they work and try - they don't fail because of any lack of effort on their part, or because of any failure to realize ~~==~~ to utilize the best potentialities they have to their best of their ability, but in spite of all they can do their lives are lives of disappointment and they may accomplish more for God than some of those who seem ~~to~~ outwardly to accomplish the utmost for Him. God's plan is best and that is one of the greatest lessons any of us can learn.