

Onward to the future

²⁷ ‘You will all fall away,’ Jesus told them, ‘for it is written:

“I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.”

²⁸ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.’

²⁹ Peter declared, ‘Even if all fall away, I will not.’

³⁰ ‘Truly I tell you,’ Jesus answered, ‘today – yes, tonight – before the cock crows twice you yourself will disown me three times.’

³¹ But Peter insisted emphatically, ‘Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.’ And all the others said the same.

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane.

The future is foretold in

Above all, you must understand this: no part of Scripture was ever brought about through human initiative, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:20-21)

God knows everything there is to know. 1 John 3:20. God knows when a sparrow falls. Matt. 10:29. God knows how many hairs are on my head. Matthew 10:30. God knows the future as well as the past. Isaiah 46:10. God knows what I will say, before I say it. Ps.139:4. God knew my entire life before I was born. Ps.139:16

My future is foretold in

Follow Jesus. Heb.12:1-2, Matt.16:24, 1C.11:1 In Christ. Rom.6:6, 6:8, 6:4, Col.3:1, Eph.2:6, Gal.3:26, Eph.1:7, 2Cor.5:17, Rom.8:38-39.

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"I will" Isa.14:12-15. James 4:13-16

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The ACTS of prayer, plus needs for which to seek for answers.

A. Adoration; C. Confession; T. Thanksgiving; S. Seeking

For personal reflection, or group discussion

1. If you had an 88 miles-per-hour Delorean time machine, what time would you like to visit?
2. Do you remember the deep space photo from the Hubble Space Telescope? What does the immensity of the universe tell you about God; about yourself; and about things?
3. God knows everything that is going to happen, even before it happens. Is God being irresponsible when He doesn't prevent bad things from happening?
4. Read 2 Peter 1:20-21. God is the ultimate author of the Bible. No one has ever found a mistake in the Bible, so why do you think there are so many people who don't live their lives by the words of the Bible?
5. Read James 4:13-16. What is the difference between "we will" (v13) and "we will" (v15)? What are some practical steps for doing it right?
6. Some people mistakenly think God predestines us to Heaven or Hell. Who does He predestine, and to what are we predestined (Rom.8:29)? Therefore, what is my part in predestination?

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