

## Jeremiah 29:11

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Don't we all love this verse? But did you notice that this verse is in the present tense and not the past or future? Notice that God does not say, I know the thoughts that I used to think towards you, or, I know the thoughts that I will be thinking later towards you. No, God says, ***I know the thoughts that I think toward you.***

If you really thought about that, you would be saying WOW, because right now, as you are reading this, and throughout the day and even the night while you are sleeping, according to what God says in this verse, He is thinking about you.

How awesome is that, right now, yes NOW, God is thinking about you. And what is He thinking about you right now? ***Thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.***

Wait, no matter what is going on in your life right now, God is thinking how to give you **peace**, and ***a future and a hope.*** Which may be the total opposite of how you may be thinking of what God is thinking about you right now. Maybe, you have messed up big time and sinned really bad or treated someone badly. You are thinking that God cannot or will not forgive you this time. You feel lower than scum underneath the dirt. But that's not what God is thinking towards you. No, no matter how much you have messed up, God has ***thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.***

How can He be thinking such things towards you? LOVE, not the world's love, but rather love that loves no matter what you have said or done. A love that only God can contain in all His awesomeness, the same love He has for you right now. A love which consists of ***thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.***

In return, maybe think thoughts of thankfulness towards Him!

† **1 Chronicles 16:8** *Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!*