

Spoken, Purposed, and Done

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*“Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass.
I have purposed it; I will also do it.”* (Isaiah 46:11, NKJV)

This Scripture text is set within the context of Isaiah 46:8-13, which calls us to serious consideration of God’s sovereignty and work, in human history in general, and in our lives specially. *“Remember this, and show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors. Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’ Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it. “Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, Who are far from righteousness: I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger. And I will place salvation in Zion, For Israel My glory.”* Today, we shall present facts about God’s work in times past, and draw inferences and conclusions from said facts, that our faith might be strengthened. First, we shall consider those things which God has already spoken, purposed, and done. Second, we shall consider that it is reasonable to believe that God will certainly do all that remains undone.

First, let us consider what God has already spoken, purposed, and done.

1. Creation was spoken into existence by the power of God’s Word. In Genesis Chapter One, we repeatedly read, *“Then God said.” “Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light”* (Genesis 1:3). *“Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures””* (Genesis 1:20). *“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness””* (Genesis 1:26). Thus God’s Word is fulfilled: *“Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”*

2. Consider the first prophecy of Jesus in the Bible. Adam and Eve had just committed the original sin, and God purposed to save them, and all mankind, from the complete separation from God, which sin causes. God spoke to the serpent (Satan), saying, *“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel”* (Genesis 3:15). The One to save the human race from sin, Jesus Christ, would be born of a virgin; God said He would enter the world as *“her Seed”*, born of a virgin. Isaiah prophesied further of this, and Matthew records its fulfillment: *“Behold, the virgin shall be with Child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us”* (Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 7:14). God did not stop there in fulfilling His spoken purpose. Satan did bruise the heel of Christ at the cross. But through His shed blood there and subsequent Resurrection, Jesus dealt Satan a death blow. Thus God’s Word is fulfilled: *“Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”*
3. Do you need more proof of fulfillment of prophecy? The Bible says in the Old Testament that the Messiah, Jesus, would be a descendant of Abraham, an Israelite of the tribe of Judah, born in Bethlehem of Judah at a time in history specified to the year by the prophet Daniel, that His hands and feet would be pierced, and that He would rise from the dead. Every single one of these things happened just as God had purposed and spoken, and the record of them is found in the New Testament (Genesis 18:18; Acts 3:25; Genesis 49:10; Luke 3:33; Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1; Daniel 9:25; Luke 2:1-2; Psalm 22:16; Luke 23:33; Psalm 16:10; Matthew 28:6-9). There are many, many more instances of exact fulfillment of prophecy in the Bible. It is a Book you can believe, and its truth is verified by historical events, and witnessed to in the world by God the Holy Spirit. Thus God’s Word is fulfilled: *“Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”*
4. Jesus, *“after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God”* (Hebrews 10:12). *“And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world”* (1 John 2:2). The wrath of God is satisfied. *“It is finished”* (John 19:30). Thus God’s

Word is fulfilled: *“Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”*

5. Do you believe these things? Well then, God has already begun fulfilling His purpose in you. *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified”* (Romans 8:28-30). Have you placed your faith in Christ? Then His promise is for you: *“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand”* (John 10:28). Just as it is *“impossible”* (being outside of God’s purpose) for Christ to be re-crucified, it is likewise *“impossible”* for you to be utterly lost once truly saved, for God is able to save His children and keep them *“to the uttermost”* (Hebrews 6:4-6, 7:25). Thus God’s Word is fulfilled: *“Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”*

Second, we shall consider that it is reasonable to believe that God will certainly do all that remains undone.

1. The Lord Jesus is coming back. Why should we doubt? If He came the first time exactly as God had purposed and spoken, why should His second coming not likewise be brought to pass? *“This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven”* (Acts 1:11).
2. Paradise will one day be restored. Some will enter it. Others, because of their willful rejection of God, will find themselves on the outside looking in. *“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will*

dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death”
(Revelation 21:1-8).

3. What then must we do? The believer must place full confidence in God through faith in Jesus Christ, or else forfeit the full measure of God’s peace (John 14:27). God’s peace, at least in part, comes from an assurance that God has said, *“Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”* The unbeliever must make the transaction *“from death into life”* by the first profession of faith (John 5:24). *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved”* (Acts 16:31). This is God’s promise to you, for He Himself has said, *“Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”*