



“THE DIVINE DESIGN OF DESTINY”

(ISAIAH 46:9-11)

Intro: Destiny by definition is a “*predetermined course of events; directed or set apart for a specific purpose or place*”. July of 1972 New Hope Baptist Church began its Divine Destiny through a series of **Divine “predetermined events”** with **Divinely Designed characteristics** indicating that “*This is the Lord’s doing ; it is marvelous in our eyes*”(Psalm 118:23)!

- ⊕ **Divine Favor**-That opened even closed doors.
- ⊕ **Divine Provision**-That made a way out of no way.
- ⊕ **Divine Direction & Vision**-That looked beyond what was already done to what The Lord Desired next.
- ⊕ **Divine Faith & Faithfulness**-That believed and endured despite the outlook.
- ⊕ **Divine Work Ethic**-That labored with the God Given strength of their hands.
- ⊕ **Divine Sacrifice**-That invested not just in the building but in the building up of people as well.
- ⊕ **Divine Study Of Scripture**-That laid a strong and sure foundation.
- ⊕ **Divine Service**-That did it in the name of The Lord.
- ⊕ **Divine Love**-That was motivated by Christ Love for us.
 - Israel found themselves in *Babylonian captivity due to their unfaithfulness to The Lord Who made them.*
 - NHBC finds us *prospering in the things of God because we’ve strived to be faithful to The Lord Who made us!*

3 Action Points Of Divinely Designed Destiny

1. _____ **The Absolute, Undeniable** _____ **Of God**
 (vs. 9 “**Remember the former things of old for I AM GOD...there is none like me.**”)-
 The same God that carried Israel through the bad *into the good* is The Same God that continues to carry NHBC through the bad *into the good* (1 Samuel 12:22)

2. _____ Our Hearts For God's _____ And
_____ Will To Be Done (vs. 10 **"...the things that are not yet done saying My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure."**)-Whatever The Lord has planned next for NHBC we must have a "Yes Lord!" in our hearts (Psalm 40:8=*TAKE PLEASURE IN, BE EAGER, HAVE AFFECTION FOR*).

3. _____ The _____ Of The
Lord's Plan (vs. 11 **"Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man [CYRUS, KING OF PERSIA] that executeth my counsel...I have purposed it, I will also do it."**)-*GET READY!* and *REJOICE!* when The Lord Moves In *HIS Perfected Differentness* (Romans 11:33-36)!!!