
The Purpose of God

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WHERE do we find the plan and purpose of God? Not only is it declared in the Bible, but it is also evident in the lives of people who have become possessed by Him. At the moment of regeneration God transforms us from sinners to saints. We move from darkness to light. We are overcomers rather than controlled by the worldly system surrounding us. Our citizenship is moved from earth to heaven. No longer victimized as a child of the devil, we have become sons of God. We are headed for heaven instead of hell.

We joyfully obey the instructions of Romans 12:2: “And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove (demonstrate) what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.”

Definition of Purpose

It is that designation in eternity when God declared that man shall have access to the riches of His grace in the Son and His determination to bring to pass His provision. “Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath **PURPOSED** in himself: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the **PURPOSE** of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will” (Ephesians 1:9, 11).

All of God’s promises are made in sovereignty, with action being the consequence of His good pleasure. How wonderful! Independent of counsel or solicitation from us, He declared within Himself such grace, provided for us in and through His Son and determined to bring it to pass. This is purpose!

It is the most neglected theological term in our day. We are redeemed, set free from the bondage and power of sin that the purpose of God might be realized in and through us. It is always for our eternal benefit and the accomplishment of His plan. We are not saved from sin and its consequences to go our own way independent of His leadership and authority. We now possess the thrilling opportunity of giving praise and glory to the God of grace, now and for all eternity.

So many accept Him only for personal happiness and gain and an eternal home in heaven. “Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own **PURPOSE** and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began” (II Timothy 1:9). “But thou has fully known my doctrine, manner of life, **PURPOSE**, faith, long-suffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecution I

endured, but out of them all the Lord delivered me” (II Timothy 3:10, 11).

In the desire for a favorable response to our preaching, we invite people to do something for their personal benefit rather than surrender to the **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. The humanistic concept of our day is to relax when assured of heaven. All that remains is to witness and communicate to others what happened to us so that they too may arrive at the same place we are headed for. Is it any wonder so few people are under Christ’s absolute authority? This is the explanation for so many disregarding their Bible when it comes to marriage, morals, money, and obedience to God’s commands.

Humanism demands everything for themselves. The greatest proof or demonstration that we have been born from above is *obedience*. “And hereby we do know that we know him, if (since) we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and His truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked” (I John 2:3-6).

The real issue involved in your acceptance of the finished work of Christ on the cross is whose purpose is going to be realized? Will it be yours or God’s? Remember, God’s purpose in your life will be accomplished either in blessing or judgment. This is determined by which person you surrender for his purpose to be realized.

God informed our first parents in a beautiful garden of His purpose, that included blessing or judgment. We all know of the faithfulness of God to carry out His purposes each time we gather at the cemetery and see a casket ready to be lowered into a grave.

His Purpose

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to **HIS PURPOSE**” (Romans 8:28). “For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the **PURPOSE OF GOD**, according to election, might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth; For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, even for this same **PURPOSE** have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth” (Romans 9:11, 17).

God’s purpose is plainly revealed and declared in the Bible. Do not miss it! “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this **PURPOSE** the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil” (I John 3:8). A Christian (a Christ like person) does not practice sin. The ninth verse declares it. The faithful Holy Spirit informs us of sin, which is rebellion against God’s authority. To infer that we will continue to live under the dictates of sin is foolishness. Christ came to remove our sin and in its place is the blessed Holy Spirit. What a changed life!

“In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother” (I John 3:10). God’s purpose is plainly revealed in the Scriptures. Determination and God-given ability to fulfill such brings great delight to our heart. His purpose governs our manner of life, conduct, lifestyle, and conversation.

Remember, God’s plan and purpose is realized only in and through His Son. “According to the eternal PURPOSE which he PURPOSED in Christ Jesus our Lord; in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him (on the basis of His faithfulness)” (Ephesians 3:11,12).

Judgment Is God’s Purpose

God’s determination to bring judgment to pass still holds true today. “The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, surely as I have thought: so shall it come to pass; and as I HAVE PURPOSED, so shall it stand: This is the PURPOSE that is PURPOSED upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. For the Lord of hosts hath PURPOSED, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?” (Isaiah 14:24, 26, 27).

Here God is speaking of judgment and also in the next passage. The reason His judgment is not believed and ignored is the conclusion He might not do so. If we can remove accountability, we can breathe much easier when this day comes. That judgment will be independent of our rationalization. “Remember the former things of old, for I am God and there is none else; I am God and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, my Counsel shall stand, and I WILL DO ALL MY PLEASURE: . . . Yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring to pass; I HAVE PURPOSED IT (judgment), I will also do it” (Isaiah 46:9-11).

Obedience on our part resigns us to God’s plan and purpose realized in our lives as Christians. Answers to prayer are involved in this relationship. As Christians, disobedience brings His chastisement instead of blessing. What will it be during our lifetime? Remember, our love for Him demands obedience and subjection to the God of grace, mercy, and loving kindness. In His purpose resides not only His determination to bring to pass His will, but also the provision of His power to perform.

Is God’s absolute authority found in your family relationships, activity in your church, your love “for one another”? Is God first in your time, talent, and billfold or pocketbook? Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33). Seek those things which are

above (Colossians 3:1). Are these YOUR commandments?

Have you met the Lord Jesus Christ? Only a repentant sinner can be introduced to Him by the Holy Spirit. On his knees trembling, already having confessed his need of a Savior, the Philippian jailer heard from Paul in answer to his inquiry: “Believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and thou shalt be saved and thy house (Acts 16:31). If Jesus is both Lord and Christ, you cannot accept the part that leaves you still in command of your life. If He is Lord and Master, only on the basis of His absolute authority and the accomplishment of His purpose can you accept Him.

A miracle happens within when you trust Him for deliverance of your sin. (You already know for such to happen, it would take a miracle!) “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God; and every one that loveth him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the son of God?” (I John 5:1,4, 5).

Friend, will you dare to be honest? How long have you been listening to the wrong voice and influence? Is God’s purpose going to be realized in your life? It can be NOW, if you will be honest to Him about your sin! You trust Christ to do as the promise of God in His Word. What a thrilling truth that God will place you in His family on the basis of our trusting and receiving Christ into our lives. You will never be identified with God to fulfill your own humanistic concepts. Never will you be in His family if your motivation is selfish, sensual and personal. You come to Christ as a poor miserable creature, having broken His law that demands death. Christ died for you. He is alive right this instant to equip you by His Spirit to accomplish His will, plan, and purpose. The same Spirit in the Son motivates you. Hear Christ say, I AM COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD. You and I have no other reason for existence.

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