

## The Purpose of Life: A Lifetime of Obedience to His Words

The purpose of life, our very existence, remains the vexing, speculative often controversial topic questioning why we are here. The Bible states God's purpose to involve Himself with His creation arises out of His nature: His love for us to influence, inspire, instruct human beings to live in a righteous manner. This involves following His commandments by actively living a life according to God's instructions. Such obedience collectively radiates the light of our God as opposed to the dark, carnal, evil ways lauded by Satan that are so popular in the world. Life's end time goal is becoming spiritually eligible to warrant an eternal life with Yah, hearing His welcoming words, "Well done my good and faithful servant." However, we will only have gained the right to pass through the "Pearly Gates," if we have demonstrated that we are one of God's children who has lived a life disciplined by love and obedience to His laws. This righteous life is the end goal for all of us. Whether we know it or not; it's the way we get ourselves there. Those whom we help along the way become the evidence that determines whether we are welcomed into God's Kingdom or sent into the lake of fire because in the latter instance, we failed to show mercy and compassion to others.

### God created us

*"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:26-28)*

*"Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name." (Psalms 100:1-4)*

In the beginning of time, God created the earth. He created fish, birds, mammals, plants, the form of the earth itself. But out of all creation God made man in His likeness. He gave man supreme control and power over all His creation. In return for this blessing of power, God merely requested that humans would follow His laws and praise Him always.

*“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. If*

*I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.” (Psalm 139:7-16)*

Our God has skillfully created us in the womb and remains with us throughout all our life.

### Follow His laws and praise Him

*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:17-19)*

From the beginning of His ministry, Jesus Christ instructs us that nothing from God’s law will ever be added or taken away. Because of this fact, we will always remain obligated to physically observe His laws faithfully while striving to keep them spiritually, written in our hearts, the key to entering the kingdom of heaven.

*“For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.” (Romans 2:13)*

Thus we are to learn the ways of God and try our best to practice them to their fullest extent. That involves prioritizing one’s behavior, one’s ways of doing so as to be in step with His laws. Living in this state, we no longer require to be taught to observe His laws because we are living His laws!

*“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” (John 14:21)*

*"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you." (John 15:9-14)*

God tells us that whoever keeps His commandments will be loved; the reward of His love will one day be given to those who remain faithful in their actions to the end.

We all fall short.

*"But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."(Romans 3:21-26)*

Since the first man, Adam, God has seen man's actions confirm our inability to fulfill His directive to obey and worship Him. Because He already knew our inability to fully follow His ways, He devised a way for us to atone for our sins primarily due to disobedience through our lack of faith. Christ, the Son of God, became that Way. He was sent to us through the grace of God the Father to be our saving grace. It is through our faith in Him and the sacrifice of His Son that enables us to be saved, brought back into the love of the Father to receive the reward, eternal life.

*"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."(Mat 5:13-16).*

"You," meaning all of us, are lights to this world, a lamp that is lit by our God, which no man should hide, that brings the good work of our Lord to the rest of the world so all may be saved. We are given the ability to see our God through His works that He performs within us every day, allowing even the little things to go well. God can do all things; we only have to believe and

follow His ways so He can see that we love and follow Him. In return, He will grant us His grace with mercy and rewards. In the verse above Yahshua says that we are as salt, and that if we lose our flavor, what good are we? We are to show His ways to others and if we hide our behavior of showing zeal and obedience to God, then what good are we to Him? We must continue on through our life and share God's message with others when and wherever the opportunity arises and not deny Him in front of anyone. If we do, He in turn will deny us from His kingdom.

*"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."(Mark 8:38).*

He has created us and has given us the whole world as our playground and in return, He asks that we don't turn our backs to Him. If we turn on Him and do not share or acknowledge Him to others then He won't acknowledge us to His Father (God). We must be true and pure in His ways when it comes time to enter into the kingdom. Do not put off your faith because you are ashamed or afraid of what others will say or do but be proud of your faith and where you come from; you are part of our Lord's family!

### This is your reward

*"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."(Mat 16:27)*

*"And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"(Matthew 7:23)*

In the end, when we are awaiting the reward for our works, and it is shown that we were not following God's commandments, God will pronounce that He had never known us and that we are not His. Not being His means that we will not be in His loving grace and thus not able to enter into His kingdom of eternal life because our life did not produce good works worthy of being redeemed. To avoid this most unfortunate predicament, one must learn about the purpose of this life and how one's actions lived NOW can and will affect one's reward in the future. Every person is going to be judged by their own works and given their reward according to their faith and works.

*"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares,*

*ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.” (Matthew 13:24-30)*

*Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.” (Matthew 13:36-43)*

A parable depicting what will happen in the end time describes a man that plants a good harvest, and the man is Christ. The seed that He plants represents the people that follow Him; the field is the world; the tares the people that follow after the devil; the enemy the devil; the harvest the end of the world, while the reapers are angels. Both good and bad grow together until the end time when the angels bring the bad to the place that is burning with fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth and the good will be brought into the kingdom of their Father.

Our faith in Christ; His sacrifice will make us just again.

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”(John 3:16-17)*

God loves his chosen people so much that He was willing to sacrifice His only Son for potentially all of us to be saved. For the wages of sin is death and because we have all sinned, none would be worthy of the eternal kingdom of life. Yet because of His sacrifice, we can be saved through the faith we have in the grace of God. So we should live our lives by embracing the good teachings of God's law. Exhibit faith in Christ by doing the good works which are inherent in the word. Show by example the way to the Lord our Father and the promise of His eternal life available to all who believe in Him.

*“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ*

*(by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:4-10)*

Our Lord is a loving and kind God who never desires to bring us to our knees but instead asks and sometimes pleads for us to walk through our lives by maintaining our faith in Him by following His ways. He tells us that it is because of our faith in Him that we are able to be saved and become worthy of the great reward that He bestows on His followers at the time of the end.

### All else is vanity

*“The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever. The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, And hastens to the place where it arose. The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit. All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again. All things are full of labor; Man cannot express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing. That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us. There is no remembrance of former things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come By those who will come after.” (Ecclesiastes 1:1-11)*

Mankind has made all this profit and has accumulated many worldly possessions but cannot keep anything upon death. Solomon tells us that the earth works in cycles: water flows but is always replenished, the sun sets and rises again, the wind goes and returns again, and men die and their things get passed along to following generations. When one dies, their possessions go to their offspring and who is to say if they are worthy of receiving these things or if they will use them wisely?

*“"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "All is vanity." And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright-words of truth. The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd. And further, my son, be admonished by*



*these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:8-14)*

Later in the Book of Ecclesiastes, the preacher, Solomon, has drawn a conclusion that all is vanity, essentially useless. Thus, our lives should be lived to fear, respect, and worship God keeping His commandments. Such obedience offers priceless value, the behaviors which yield the greatest reward: God’s Kingdom.

This is your walk: Get t to the end goal, but on the way help others get there as well.

*“These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food. Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. And when you go into a household, greet it. If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment than for that city! Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.”*  
(Matthew 10:5-16)

Christ sent out His disciples into the world as teachers to help bring others to know His Father. He told them that He sent them out into the world as sheep in the midst of wolves meaning that they are to bring forth His word to others who remain close minded. Yet irrespective of negative results, we are to continue in the walk, remaining humble and dedicated to obeying the charge to spread His Word. The rest of this chapter in Matthew talks about challenges the disciples will face and how they are to overcome them by doing things through example that show others how to follow the straight and narrow path, the way to Him. We as followers of Christ are to use this example and do the same acts as did the disciples and to go out and bring the word to all that are willing to hear.

*“Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.*

*For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.” (1 Corinthians 3:5-10)*

God is our foundation and we are the builders. We all plant seeds and we all water what others have planted. This means we are to show the Word to people and help them to know the righteous behavior of the Lord. It is by our works that we are judged and given a reward for what we do in our worshipful obedience to Christ.

## Conclusion

*“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:51-58)*

The end of time will be one great change: the coming of the wrath of God followed by the resurrection of believers into the Kingdom of God or for others eternal damnation or separation from God. During this time God will have put away death and brought those who have followed His laws into His kingdom because of His grace. This verse shows us that our entrance into the kingdom is the result of our labors in the Lord (our faith in Him and our efforts to help others along the way). This is the purpose of our life and the end goal of all who believe in Him. Will you find yourself in the kingdom or will you be judged not acceptable by the deeds you have done throughout your life?

*“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second*



*death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:11-15)*

Follow His law and do His will while you still can to avoid destruction, not to mention some, ultimately defiant, ending up in that burning lake!