

WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE? GLORIFY GOD

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19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. ~ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

CREATION:

Creation was originally designed to be an instrument to bring God glory:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork"
~ Psalm 19:1

"By Him were all things created, that are in heaven, that are in earth, visible, and invisible, whether they be thrones, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."
~ Col. 1:16

In The Garden:
God personally manifested Himself to Adam in the Garden of Eden:
Gen. 3:8

Adam & Eve rebelled against the command of God & were expelled from the Garden of Eden. They were no longer fit for the presence of God..

"The Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from when he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." ~ Gen. 2:23-24

MOSES:

Moses became an instrument to reveal the glory of God: ~ Exodus 33:18-23

Exodus 34:5 "And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the LORD."

Exodus 34:29-35: Moses reflected the glory of God: He reflected the glory which he had beheld when God opened His fingers and revealed His afterglow.

Open faced communion between God & Moses, but Moses put the veil between himself & those to whom he spoke.

2 Corinthians 3:13:
"Unlike Moses who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away."

Dr. Pentecost writes: "It was not that Israel could not behold the glory of God, but that this glory given to the face of Moses was a passing, transitory, temporary, manifestation of the glory of God. Moses realized that the glory would pass away, nab he veiled his face so that Israel should not see the passing of that glory." p. 14.

TABERNACLE:

After a time the face of Moses no longer reflected God's glory. Instead of a transformed individual, God used the Tabernacle, to manifest His glory (pp. 14-15).

Exodus 40:34-35:
Following construction of the Tabernacle, " a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle."

No external beauty to Tabernacle: animal skin coverings on the outside which would have become weather-beaten, dull in color, and unattractive to the eye. But God used the unattractive, which had no glory of itself, to be the instrument through which He would reveal His glory to Israel. p. 15.

"When God manifested His glory, there was an outshining of His glory in a radiance that could not be hidden. When the priest walked into the Holy Place and passed beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies, his attention was not arrested by the blood-encrusted mercy seat, which could hardly be attractive to the natural eye. That which would attract his attention was the manifestation of the Shekinah glory of God between the Cherubim Because he was standing in the place where the glory of God was being manifested, all else would become insignificant as he went about the ritual of offering the blood.

When the children of Israel looked at the Tabernacle, it must have been transformed by the Shekinah glory that dwelt within it. The beauty and the attractiveness were not in the animal-skin coverings but in the manifested glory of God." p. 15

THE TEMPLE:

Solomon; Ezra; Herod

1 Chronicles 22:5:

Now David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house is to be built for the LORD must be exceedingly magnificent, famous, and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparations for it." So David made abundant preparations before his death.

1 Kings 8:10:

"It came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, " so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD."

11 Chronicles 9:3-6:

Temple degenerated to a place that not only magnified Solomon, but also became a center of idolatry. Thus, the glory of God departed: Ezekiel 10:3-4; 18-19; 11:22-24.

After Exile: A remnant built a humble edifice but God states in Haggai 2:6-9:

"6 For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once more (it is a little while) I will shake the heavens and earth, the sea, and dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory, says the LORD of hosts. 8 The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the LORD of hosts.

9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

JESUS CHRIST:

John 1:14:

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory), the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Luke 9:28-36 cf. 2 Peter 1:16-18: The Mount of Transfiguration:

Dr. Pentecost writes, "Just as creation and Eden were temporary in their manifestation of glory; just as Moses was a temporary instrument to manifest God's glory; and just as the Tabernacle and later Temple were temporary manifestations of God's glory, so Jesus Christ's life in the flesh was a temporary manifestation of the glory of God." p. 19

THE CHURCH:

Ephesians 2:21-22:

"21 In whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

"The function the Temple and the Tabernacle performed in manifesting the glory of God, has now been assigned to believers who are incorporated into the Church. God's purpose in bringing the church into existence was that He might manifest through the Church the manifold wisdom and grace and power of God; that believers should be instruments to bring praise and honor and glory to Him."

See also 2 Corinthians 4:6-7; Ephesians 1:1-14; Colossians 1:27

Yet, this is even temporary for one day the Rapture of the Church will take place: John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Rev. 3:10

SECOND COMING:

Revelation 19

Matthew 24:30: "Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: ... and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Colossians 3:4: "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with him in glory." See also Revelation 7:9-12; 21:10-11; 23-24

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM:

Revelation 20

The fulfillment of the unconditional biblical covenants in Revelation 19-20;

Abrahamic Covenant: Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:18-21; 17:7-8; 22:17-18

Land Covenant: Deuteronomy 30:1-10

Davidic Covenant: Samuel 7:12-16

New Covenant: Jeremiah 31:33-34

ETERNAL STATE:

Revelation 21-22

"1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:1-4

"God has chosen believers today to do that for which this earth was created, for which Moses was transformed, for which the Tabernacle was erected and for which the Temple was built, that for which Jesus Christ came into the world the first time. He has chosen us that we might be instruments to bring glory to God. That is why the Apostle Paul could say, 'I want Christ to be manifested in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.' The compelling motive in the life of the child of God must be to glorify God." pg. 22.