

PURPOSE

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What is God's purpose?

Is He just the One you call out to when you're in a financial crisis, a health crisis, a family crisis? The One to whom you cry for help when the water is rising above your neck, when you're drowning in your troubles, when you can't breathe? Or is He just the One you get mad at when your world is crumbling, and you're looking for someone to blame?

Let's look what the Bible says ...

- Job 42:1-2 (NKJV)

*Then Job answered the Lord and said: ‘I know that You can do everything, And that no **purpose** of Yours can be withheld from You.*

- Jeremiah 32:18b-19a (NIV)

*Great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord Almighty, great are your **purposes** and mighty are your deeds.*

- Exodus 3:14

And God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And He said, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

- Mark 14:36, Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6

Abba, Father

- Daddy

- Revelation 1:8, 1:11, 21:6, 22:13

Alpha and Omega

- First and Last, Beginning and Final

- Daniel 7:9, 13, 14

Ancient of Days (Attiyq Youm)

- Isaiah 43:1-3b, Psalm 139:13-18

“For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior.”

- The God Who Gave You Birth (El Chuwl)
- God of All Knowledge (El Deah)
- *God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth* (El Elyon and Elohim)
- *the Lord, the Everlasting God* (El Olam)
- “*Thou God seest me*” – The God Who Sees (El Roi)
- “*I am the Almighty God*” – God Almighty (El Shaddai)
- The Self-Existent One – One Who never came into being;
One Who always will be (Jehovah, Yahweh)

- The LORD Creator (Yahweh-Bore)
- The LORD My Banner – to be High or Raised (Yahweh-Nissi)
- The LORD My Shepherd (Yahweh-Raah)
- The LORD That Heals (Yahweh-Rapha)
- The LORD Is Peace (Yahweh-Shalom)
- The LORD Is There (Yahweh-Shammah)
- The LORD Of Hosts (Yahweh-Tsabbaoth)
- The LORD Our Righteousness (Yahweh-Tsidkenu)
- The LORD Will Provide (Yahweh-Yireh)

The list goes on and on. But does all this really describe God's purpose? Let's ask it another way....

<https://www.lwf.org/discover-jesus/names-of-god>

What purpose does God **serve?**

Now that changes the perspective, doesn't it? God doesn't **serve** anyone or anything, at the very least we know that. So what purpose does God serve?

He doesn't! ...

MAN *serves* God!

That is **YOUR** purpose!

All those things we listed before were just His names, His identifiers, His classifications;
what He does and who He is ... **not His purpose!**

He is Abba, Father, right? One is not a parent without children. So what purposes might
your children serve you? ...

These are similar to the purposes that you serve your Father in Heaven....

- 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV/KJV)

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

This is what your Father in Heaven, the Lord God Almighty thinks of you! Peter is writing to the Jewish church, but as the Gentile believers were grafted into the bloodline, into God's family, this now applies to you as well.

Here in Psalms, King David describes man's making by 'The God Who Gave You Birth' (El Chuwl)....

- Psalm 139:13-15 (NKJV)

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.

- cont. Psalm 139:16-18 (NKJV)

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. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

God is truly your Creator and your Father, and you His creation and His children. But now let's move past the obvious "Creator and creation" purposes, and let's go deeper into discerning your purposes to Him....

What purposes are **you**
serving God?

What are **your**
Kingdom purposes?

- Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

*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**.*

- Exodus 9:16 (NKJV)

*“But indeed for this **purpose** I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.”*

In multiple scriptures, across different books, by separate authors, the Lord shows all believers their purpose – to spread the gospel across all the earth....

- Luke 14:23 (NKJV)

Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’

- Matthew 28:19-20a (NKJV)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you....”

- Acts 1:8b(NKJV)

“...and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- Mark 16:15 (NKJV)

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature....”

This purpose, which you are commanded to fulfill, is also known as the ministry of reconciliation....

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (NKJV)

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the **ministry of reconciliation**, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has **committed to us the word of reconciliation.***

But this is the least you can do....

- Your individual Purpose and Calling
- 1 Corinthians 12:18, 20, 27 (NKJV)

*But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.... But now indeed there are many members, yet one body.... Now you are the body of Christ, and members **individually**.*

- You as believers in the Body of Christ, each have a specific calling & purpose to serve your Creator. Can't God fill in the gaps you leave when you're not working your role in His church? Sure. But that just means your load is being dumped onto someone else who already has a position to fill. It takes each member working his/her purpose to make a whole body.
- Some of you may say you already know your calling – pastor, evangelist, missionary, servant, lay leader, worship leader, women's ministry, men's ministry, children's, youth's, young adults', prison ministry, etc. Or maybe you're newly saved and still searching for your specific role in God's plans. Or are you unsure where you stand at all in this? I urge you to continue moving towards Him....

Remember all that He does, has done, is doing, and continues to do **for you!** I challenge you to recognize your calling; discover it; go hunting for your purpose, if you're still unsure what it is. Search for it in His word; by your daily prayers and supplications, it will be revealed to you.

As you study who He is, you're getting to know Him intimately. Like PK wrote in his letter in this year's Prayer Journey book, you're building a relationship. Then that opens you to a two-way conversation with your Father and Teacher, and He can speak to you and show you your purposes in His eternal plans.

Better yet, find out what **you want** to do in the Kingdom; find out what is possible for His children. What is your eternal identity? Negotiate that request with Him. Then walk in that identity, b/c He wants to give you the desires of your heart. **YOU ARE TO LOVE GOD and TO BE LOVED BY HIM.** Daily declare it, proclaim it, affirm it! Cry out to your God!

And to those who say you've already got it figured out and you're even working your purpose now, I challenge you to grow wider, deeper, and higher. Maybe it's time for a new mission, a new project, or an expansion of an existing one. Maybe you need a new gift to operate in or just to better master your current gifts that you use to work the kingdom. You don't think you can master the gifts the Holy Spirit has deposited in you? Just ask Apostle Bernard Courtney how many gifts he's mastered – 'All of them!' he'd say. And so can you!

Your purpose is never completely fulfilled; the cup is never full for long before He empties you out to fill up again. There's not an end to this race, no finish line to cross when it comes to fulfilling your God-given purposes, not until our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, returns; and even then, it's just the start of a new chapter with a new race to run. The job is never over. There's always another level to achieve; another need, calling, use, purpose. God never runs out, for those willing & able & desiring to please Him!

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What purpose are you serving God today?