

LIFE (part 2)

Greetings precious people, this week we are going to continue looking at the very important subject of "Life". This time our focus will be on the "Purpose of life".

There are many opinions on what the purpose of life is, it seems everyone has one (opinion that is). Some say the purpose of life is to know yourself (for most of us that would not take long and if honest we wouldn't like what we discovered). Others say the purpose of life is to be kind and thoughtful of others, this is more admirable than most views. Still others believe life all centers on "self", to look out for your self; be all that you can be; live for your self; you only live once so live life fast and hard. This of course is a common philosophy that believes that we should eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we may die. As King Solomon rightly said, "There is nothing new under the sun". All of these ideas of our day have been around for ages.

Most of these opinions on the purpose of life exclude God from the picture or at best invite Him along when it suits ones fancy. This is unfortunate for it is God who gives man life and breath; He determines when he will live and when he will die; He knows the beginning from the end and everything in between. This means that God knows the purpose for our existence and has His purpose and plan for us.

This is revealed in the first book of the Bible (Genesis) and the last (Revelation) as well as all the books in between. In Genesis 2:7-25, "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. .. Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." ... And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

And in Revelation 4:11, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

To sum up our purpose according to the Word of God would be to say to know, obey, and love God; to walk in His way in humility and honesty; to bring honor and glory to God in these things and all. This is the purpose of man. There is much that could be elaborated on this but time and space does not permit.

This does not mean that we are all to be the same in a cookie cutter type of way to look, act, talk, dress, etc... God makes each of us different and gives various gifts and talents, even different personalities. But whatever they may be we are to live for His glory.

As man rejects God and His Word he gropes around as a blind man in the dark trying to discover the purpose for his life. He searches in all kinds of directions leaning on his own understanding, which is ever so limited. These are all vain pursuits ending in misery.

My counsel to you is to humble yourself under the Mighty hand of God asking Him to save you and help you come to an understanding of His Person and will.

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