

2 questions every human being must be able to answer

- What is God's purpose in creating and governing everything?
- How can I bring my life into alignment with that purpose?

If you don't know His goal, then you can't answer #2, and you will find yourself living in a way that is not according to God's purpose

- **Nothing** should bother you more than to get these 2 questions wrong
 - **Nothing** should comfort you more than getting these 2 questions right

What I want to do this morning is survey many texts that show the ULTIMATE purpose for everything

- Why did God create everything?
- Why did God create Israel?
- Why did God create the Church?
- Why does God save people?
- Why does God damn people?
- Why does God kill people?
- Why does God spare people?

I understand that all of these will have the same answer, but I wanted to walk through the texts with you

The whole Bible is FULL of the promotion of this one answer that we will look at...

- Once you see it the first time, you'll never miss it again

We will be covering a lot of verses today, so please refer to your handout as we move along...

So again, as we read these texts, remember to look for what God says is the ultimate reason behind all these things we will read...

- I emphasize THE ultimate reason, because there are lesser reasons
- I will try to comment on those as we go, but we are after THE MAIN REASON

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR CREATION

Isa. 43:6-7 - He created for His glory

Hab. 2:14 - He plans to fill the whole earth with knowledge of His glory

Rev. 4:8-11

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ISREAL

He created Israel for His glory

- Genesis 11:4 shows a people trying to make a name for themselves
 - This has been man's plot ever since the Fall
 - We love ourselves and our glory rather than loving God and his glory
- Genesis 12:1-3 shows God choosing a man in order to make that man's name great
 - Abram would do what man was intended to do: Rely on God and give Him credit and glory for all things
 - God would make Abraham's name great so He alone would get the glory
- Isa. 43:1-7
- The main message here is that Israel must not fear what man can do to her
 - v. 1-4 - Don't fear because you know how I've acted on your behalf in the past
 - v. 5-7 - Don't fear because you know I created you for My glory
 - In order for Israel to be precious in His sight, they had to exist
 - We must ask why they were even created in the first place
- Isa. 43:20-21
- Isa. 49:3

He disciplined Israel for His glory

- Ezk. 20:14

He blessed Israel for His glory

- Psalm 106:7-8

He remains faithful to them for His glory

- Isa. 48:9-11

- 1 Sam. 12:20-22

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR HUMANITY

He forgives for His glory

- Isa. 43:25

- Psalm 25:11

He gives you righteous fruit for His glory

- Phil. 1:9-11

He answers your prayers for His glory

- John 14:13

He chose people for His glory

- Eph. 1:4-6, 12, 14

He will judge those who do not display His glory for His glory

- He raised up Pharaoh for His glory - Rom. 9:17

- He defeated Pharaoh for His glory - Ex. 14:4, 18

- God's wrath displays another aspect of His glory

- Rom. 9:22-23

- This echoes Prov. 16:4

- Sinners will be judged for NOT glorifying God - Rom. 1:22-23; 3:23

- Herod was killed for NOT glorifying God - Acts 12:23

**SO HOW DO YOU, AS A CHRISTIAN, BRING YOURSELF INTO ALIGNMENT
WITH HIS PURPOSE FOR EVERYTHING???**

We are commanded to do everything for His glory - 1 Cor. 10:31

We do good works for His glory - Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:12