A night landscape of a mountain valley. The sky is dark blue with many stars and some wispy clouds. In the center, a range of jagged, snow-capped mountains rises above a layer of mist or low clouds. The foreground shows dark, silhouetted hills and trees, with a small, brightly lit building visible in the distance.

Everything In Life Has A Purpose

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

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Forward

The purpose of man is to love and worship God.

It is essential that the service of God's people be performed with a willing mind. For LOVE is the only genuine principle whence all acceptable service of God can spring.

The Father seeks only such to worship him in spirit and in truth.

The carnal mind of man is enmity against God, therefore, is not capable of such spiritual worship.

Hence the necessity of being born again. Joshua puts them to their choice; but not as if it were indifferent whether they served God or not.

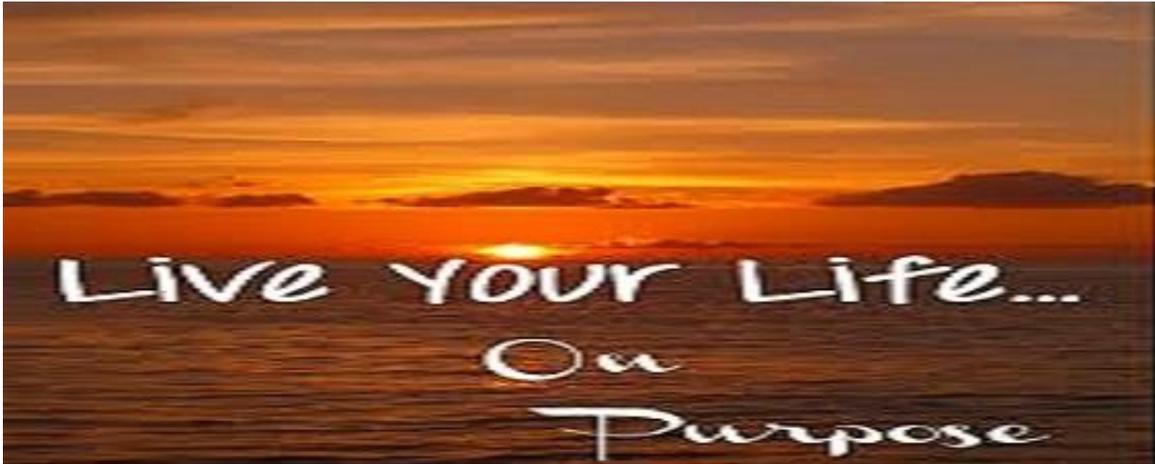
Choose you whom ye will serve, now the matter is laid plainly before you. He resolves to do this, whatever others did. Those that are bound for heaven, must be willing to swim against the stream. They must not do as most do, but as the best do.

And no one can behave himself as he ought in any station, who does not deeply consider his spiritual duties in family relations.

The Israelites agree with Joshua, being influenced by the example of a man who had been so great a blessing to them; we also will serve the Lord. See Joshua 14:15-24

Are you fulfilling God's purpose for your life?

Chapter 1



Life's Purpose

"If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Romans 9:17

The LORD has made everything for its own purpose, even the wicked for the day of evil. Proverbs 16:4

For there is a proper time and procedure for every delight, though a man's trouble is heavy upon him. Ecclesiastes 8:6

The purpose Of Adversity

'Why have you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon. 2 Samuel 12:9-12

The purpose for afflictions

In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them; In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them, And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old. Isaiah 63:9

Purpose for medical anointing

And came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. Luke 10:34

The purpose for the Ark of the Covenant

"You shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you. Exodus 25:16

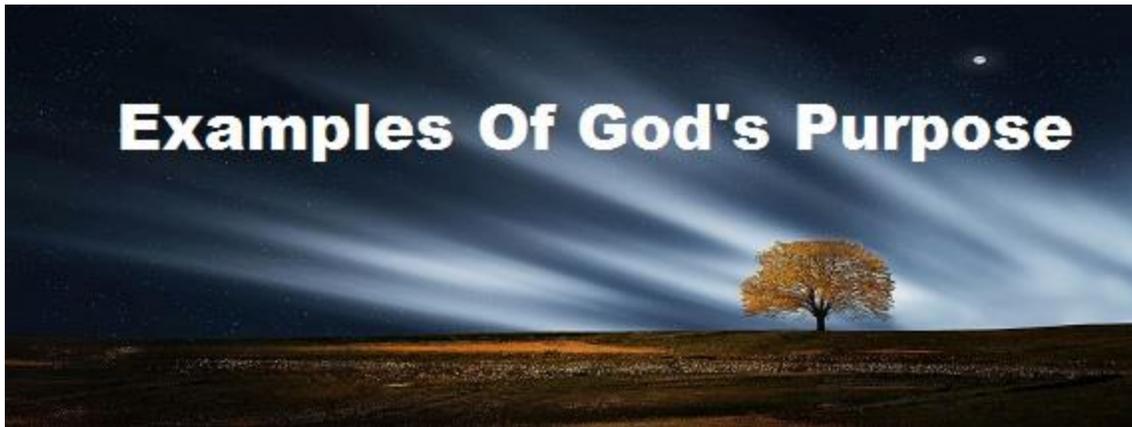
Divine Purposes

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else. Isaiah 45:18

The purpose of Doctrine

With gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, 2 Timothy 2:25

Chapter 2



Examples of God's purpose

And if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; 2 Peter 2:6

The Purpose of God.

Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all my good pleasure'; Isaiah 46:10-11

The purpose of holiness

"Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. Leviticus 19:2

Imperfection, and God's Purposes

God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

The purpose for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit

"Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. Acts 1:16

The Purpose of the law

Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made. Galatians 3:19

The Nature and Purpose of Leisure.

By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Genesis 2:2

Chapter 3



Man's Purposes

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

The purpose of marriage

And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female. Matthew 19:4

Purpose of the Scripture

You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 2 Timothy 3:14-15

The purpose for the second Coming of Christ

So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

Hebrews 9:28

Chapter 4



The purpose of Spiritual Gifts

So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church. 1 Corinthians 14:12

"But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you my power and in order to proclaim my name through all the earth. Exodus 9:16

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven-- Ecclesiastes 3:1

Many plans are in a man's heart, but the counsel of the LORD will stand.

Proverbs 19:21

Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, 2 Timothy 1:9

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, Ephesians 3:11

For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
Philippians 2:13

make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Philippians 2:2

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Chapter 5



Your purpose can be thwarted.

"I know that you can do all things, And that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Job 42:2

Also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, Ephesians 1:11

Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all my good pleasure'; Isaiah 46:10

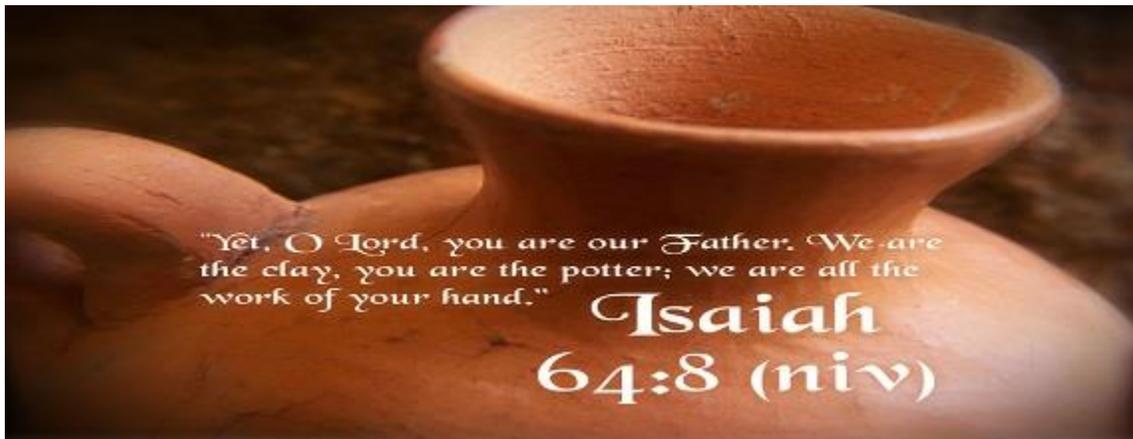
For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

"For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay; Acts 13:36

So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 1 Peter 2:21

Chapter 6



The purpose of the potter

Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? Romans 9:21

'But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; Acts 26:16

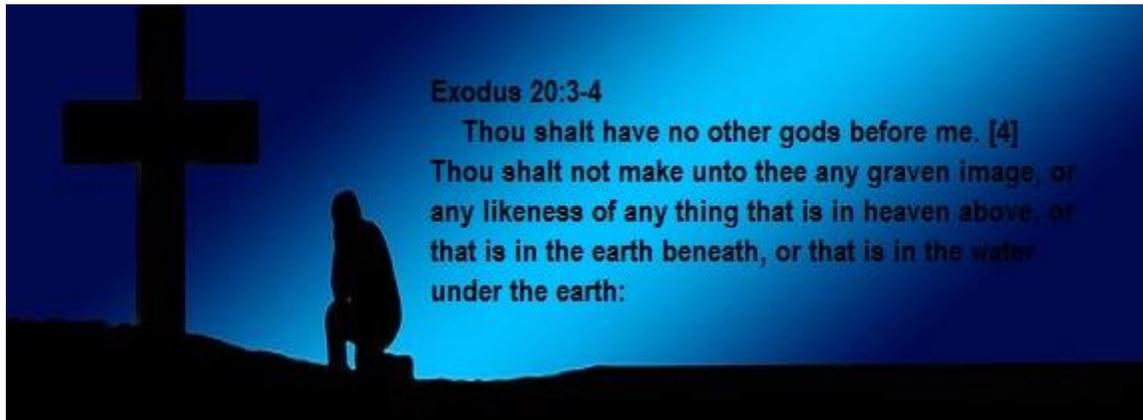
Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. 2 Timothy 2:20

But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; 1 Timothy 4:7

For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.

1 Thessalonians 4:7

Chapter 7



Worship no idles.

So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which they had and the rings which were in their ears, and Jacob hid them under the oak which was near Shechem.

Genesis 35:4

The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, Isaiah 3:20

God reveals his purpose to Israel

The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.

“So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

"Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.... Exodus 3:7-10

The purpose of the Law.

Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made. Galatians 3:19

Realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers. 1 Timothy 1:9

Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. Galatians 3:24

Because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. Romans 3:20

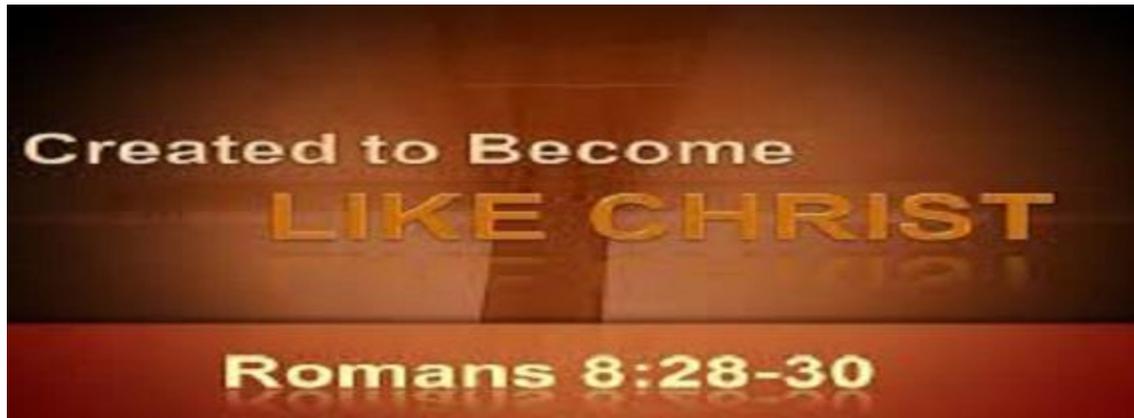
The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, Romans 5:20

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. Romans 7:7

Purpose of the Bible

Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 1 Corinthians 10:11

Chapter 8



The purpose is to become Christ like.

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33

The purpose is in service to God.

"If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

The purpose is to give knowledge of eternal life.

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

Chapter 9



The purpose is to give hope to others.

For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

The purpose is to prove the work of Christ.

But these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:31

"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24

"I glorified you on the earth, having accomplished the work which you have given me to do. John 17:4

The purpose is to do the Father's will.

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish His work. John 4:34

"Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised; not one word has failed of all His good promise, which He promised through Moses His servant. 1 Kings 8:56

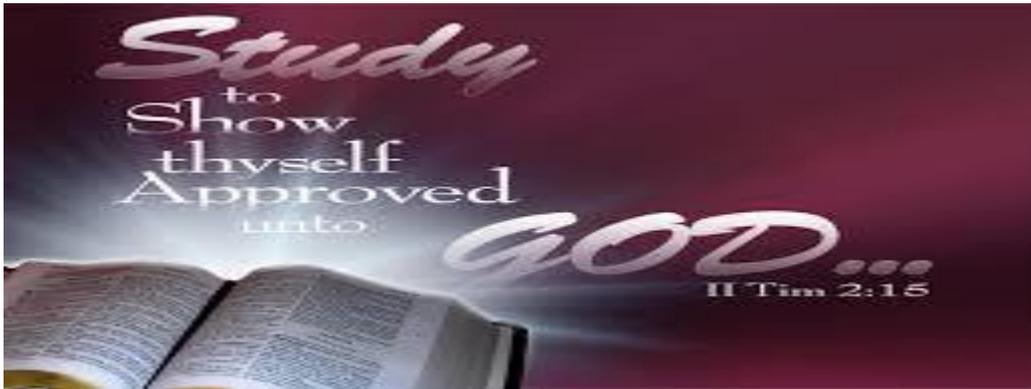
"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Matthew 5:18

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Luke 21:33

For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, Romans 4:16

Your testimonies are fully confirmed; Holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore. Psalm 93:5

Chapter 10



The purpose is for profitable instruction

And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:3

They taught in Judah, having the book of the law of the LORD with them; and they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught among the people. 2 Chronicles 17:9

"You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up. Deuteronomy 11:19

"Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Assemble the people to me, that I may let them hear my words so they may learn to fear me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.' Deuteronomy 4:10

For he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. Acts 18:28

And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. Nehemiah 8:13

It contains the message to be delivered

These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority Let no one disregard you. Titus 2:15

"Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, warn them from me. Ezekiel 3:17

"Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life."
Acts 5:20

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak. Jeremiah 1:7

"Now, gird up your loins and arise, and speak to them all which I command you do not be dismayed before them, or I will dismay you before them. Jeremiah 1:17

Chapter 11



Be not ignorant of perils

But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;

2 Corinthians 3:15

"For those who live in Jerusalem, and their rulers, recognizing neither Him nor the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him. Acts 13:27

And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made male and female. Matthew 19:4

But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, Matthew 12

But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God. Matthew 22:29

Every Word of God is tested.

Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.
Proverbs 30:5

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. Psalm 19:8

Chapter 12



See God in all places

"I have not spoken in secret, in some dark land; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek Me in a waste place'; I, the LORD, speak righteousness, declaring things that are upright. Isaiah 45:19

As for God, His way is blameless; the word of the LORD is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him. Psalm 18:30

The words of the LORD are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times. Psalm 12:6

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loves it. Psalm 119:140

The purpose was to preach the truth.

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! Galatians 1:8

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the law. Proverbs 29:18

"He who rejects me and does not receive my sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. John 12:48

To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. Isaiah 8:20

For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Chapter 13



The Word of God can not to be altered.

And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book. Revelation 22:19

"You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. Deuteronomy 4:2

"Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it. Deuteronomy 12:32

Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. Proverbs 30:6

The purpose was to read in the great congregation.

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. Luke 4:16

Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"

Exodus 24:7

Then afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. Joshua 8:34

Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading from the book the words of the LORD in the LORD'S house. Jeremiah 36:8

When this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter that is coming from Laodicea.

Colossians 4:16

Chapter 14



The study of God's purpose encouraged

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about me. John 5:39

Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. Acts 17:11

For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

"It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes, Deuteronomy 17:19

Seek from the book of the LORD, and read: Not one of these will be missing; none will lack its mate for His mouth has commanded, And His Spirit has gathered them. Isaiah 34:16

God purpose was to give seed to the sower

Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

2 Corinthians 9:10

He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed, Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:6

"The sower sows the word. "These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them. Mark 4:14-15

God's purpose was to relate human experience as a warning

Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 1 Corinthians 10:11

The purpose was to give knowledge of eternal life

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

The purpose was to give hope to men

For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

The purpose is to authenticate the divinity of Christ

But these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:31

To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.