

GOD'S GLORY
the Goal of History



IF → there is
GOD

IF → **HE**
RULES
the **WORLD**
with **OMNIPOTENCE**

IF → **we**
MUST
STAND BEFORE 
Him

the **2** MOST
IMPORTANT
Questions
ARE...

(1) What is God's
goal in creating
and governing the
world?

(2) How can I
bring my life into
alignment with
that goal?

If we
don't know his goal
and our lives are
not in alignment
with it...

...we will find ourselves
at cross  purposes
with God.

It is a fearful thing
to be at
cross purposes
with your maker!

On the other hand...

Nothing inspires
courage, **endurance**
and **zeal** for
daily living...

...like knowing the purpose of God and feeling yourself wholeheartedly in harmony with it.

First:
What is God's goal in creating and governing the world?

ISAIAH 43

*“Bring all who claim me as their God, for **I have made them for my glory**. It was I who created them.”*
Isaiah 43:7

everything
everywhere
That Was
Made

EXISTS
for the

GLORY of **GOD**

*"Whether you eat or drink
or whatever you do, do all
to the glory of God."*
1 Cor. 10:31

what is the GLORY_{of} GOD?

**God's glory is
the perfect harmony of
all his attributes**

into one infinitely beautiful and
personal being. The glory of the
Lord is everything that makes God,
God. All His characteristics.

God is glorified when he,
in his full perfection, is
esteemed, **praised**,
worshiped & **valued** in
proportion to his worth.

God's glory is **magnified**
when his full perfection is
esteemed, praised,
worshiped & valued
by others.

Side note: When God says that
he created us *for his glory*, it
does not mean that he created
us so that he would *become*
more glorious.

Side note: His beauty and perfection is not somehow increased by us. It is unthinkable that God should become more perfectly God by making something that is not God.

What it means then to be ‘created for the glory of God’ is:
that he created us to **display his glory, that is, that his glory might be *known* and *praised*.**

Man was created from the beginning *in God's image* that he might **image forth God's glory.**

He was to multiply and fill the earth so **that the knowledge of the glory of God would be magnified all over the earth.** (See Gen 1:27-28)

Instead man chose to rely on himself and seek **(glorify)** his own glory—to make a name for **(magnify)** himself.
(See Gen 3:5, 11:4)

“...they became fools and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God** for images made to look like a mortal human being...” **Romans 1:22-23**

Ever since the fall of man into sin, **people have refused to align themselves** with this divine goal.

But all of *God's* acts have been **aimed** at seeing it through.

*But now, this is what the LORD says—he who **created you**, Jacob, he who **formed you**, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have **redeemed you**; I have **summoned you** by name; **you are mine**.”* Isaiah 43:1

“I created you.”

“He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them “Mankind” when they were created.” Gen 5:2

Humanity



“I formed you.”

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.” Psalm 139:13

PERSONALLY



“I redeemed you.”

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.” Eph 1:7

Salvation



"I summoned you."

For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." **Acts 13:47**



"You are mine."

"You belong to God." **1 John 4:4** "You are...God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness" **1 Pet 2:9**



Because we were...

- **Created**
- **Formed**
- **Redeemed**
- **Summoned**

We are...

- God's personal property
- God's possession
- Subject to his purpose

**In what ways does
God seek glory
via his human
possessions?**

"Do not be afraid, for **I am with you. I will gather you** and your children from east and west. I will say to the north and south, **'Bring my sons and daughters back from the distant corners of the earth.'**" **Isaiah 43:5-6**

"I am with you."

"My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people." Ez 37:27



"I will gather you."

"Bring them back."

"He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9



"From the corners."

"There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne...wearing white robes." Rev 7:9



"I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise."

Isaiah 43:20-21

**God
created (*formed*)
a people...**

**...that he could
pour his
sustenance
upon (*provide*)**

...in order that they
overflow with
thankful, contagious
worship (*proclaim*)

Second:

How do we, daily
bring our lives into
harmony with that
goal?

1 Acknowledge
God's
ownership.
*"since what may be known about
God is plain to them, because
God has made it plain to them."
Romans 1:18*

2 Be
thankful
for God's
provision.
*"...they neither glorified him
as God nor gave thanks to
him." Romans 1:21*

3 Submit to
God's
design.
*"They exchanged the truth
about God for a lie."
Romans 1:25*

4 Adopt
God's
purposes.
*"You are...God's special
possession, that you may
declare the praises of him
who called you out of
darkness" 1 Pet 2:9*

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Stick to God's methods.

*"For it is God who works in
you to will and to act in order
to fulfill his good purpose."
Phil 2:13*

*"Let your light so shine before
men that they may see your
good works **and give glory to
your Father** in heaven."*

Matt 5:16

*"Jesus clearly commands that the goal
of our lives should be to behave in such
a way so that God gets the glory. It
should be very clear that glorifying God
is not merely an act of worship on
Sunday. **It is a peculiar kind of living.**"*

John Piper

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Rely on God's power.

*"Apart from me you can do
nothing." John 15:5*

*"It is possible to be a kind of do-gooder that
brings no glory to God. **There is a spirit
from which the good deeds must flow if
they are to bring God glory** and so be
pleasing to him. In order for God to get the
glory we have to do good as one does it
who is depending on God's strength."*

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