

“God Will Fulfill His Purpose”

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NIV Bible.

God’s Purpose Will Stand.

Isaiah 46:10-11 “I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’ From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do.”

- God will do what he has planned.
- God does what he “pleases.”

Proverbs 19:21 “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

Praying for River of Life Community Church - “I am faithful to those who are faithful to me. I will manifest my grace in your lives and I will fulfill my purpose in you.”

Philippians 2:13 “For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”

God Fulfills His Purpose When We:

1. Seek the Lord
2. Praise the Lord
3. Obey the Lord

“Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counselors they are established” Proverbs 15:22 (KJV).

God Has Saved Us and Called Us To A Holy Life.

2 Timothy 1:9-10 “He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”

- God’s purpose and grace is given to us through Christ Jesus.
- God destroyed death and gave us life and immortality.

We Are Chosen To Be Holy and Blameless.

Ephesians 1:4-7 “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace,

which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

- The Riches of God's Grace provides redemption through his blood and forgiveness of our sins.

God's Eternal Purpose

Ephesians 3:10-12 "His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence."

- God's intent is to accomplish his eternal purposes through the church.

"...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" 1 John 3:8b (NKJV).

Greater Works

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it" John 14:12-14 (NKJV).

Trust in God

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!" Psalm 84: 11-12 (NKJV).

Sun – He is our light in the darkness.

Shield – He is our protector and shield.

Grace – He gives us His grace and favor.

Glory – He demonstrates His glory through us.

O Lord - the self-existent or eternal one.

Lord of Hosts - He is organized for war, and we are in His army.

Blessed - to go forward, to be honest, to prosper

Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

We Are Called According to His Purpose

"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**. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, and these He also glorified" Romans 8:28-30 (NKJV) (Emphasis added).