

FULFILLING OUR PURPOSE



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Last month I began a series on the topic of **Fulfilling Our Purpose** and I will continue with that series in the next few articles.

(Isaiah 14: 24, 26 & 27) 24)The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have **PURPOSED**, so shall it stand: 26) This is the **Purpose** that is **PURPOSED** upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. 27) For the Lord of hosts hath **PURPOSED**, and who shall disannul it? And His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

(2 Timothy 1:9) Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to **His own PURPOSE and grace**, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1) To everything there is a season, and a time to every **PURPOSE** under heaven.

(Romans 8:28) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to **HIS PURPOSE**.

(Acts 26:12- 20) 12) Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priest, 13) At midday, O King, I saw in the way a light from Heaven, above the lightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. 14) And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard to kick against the pricks. 15) And I said, who art thou, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. 16) But rise, stand upon thy feet; for I have appeared unto thee for this **PURPOSE**, to make thee a minister (servant) and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in which I will appear unto thee; 17) Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles unto whom I send thee 18) To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness, to light and from the power of Satan onto God that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. 19) Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: 20) But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coast of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet (deserving) for repentance.

PURPOSE is defined as the aim, intent, plan and object for which something is done. We are called to fulfill a **PURPOSE**, not just to bide time.

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE? We are created to praise. Praise is punctuated all through the Bible and God placed within every human a desire to praise a higher authority. The book of Psalms is accentuated with commands of praise to the only God of heaven, Jehovah. Take a few moments to read Psalms 107, 111, 112, 113, 117, 135, 146, 147, 148, 150, and experience the spontaneous outburst of praise. I have discovered over these many years that I can praise my way through anything that is going on in my life. Learn the secret to becoming an overcomer by choosing to praise in the good times and the bad times. Praise regardless of what is happening or whatever circumstance you find yourself in. Praise will break through the prison, the stronghold, or any situation you find yourself in.

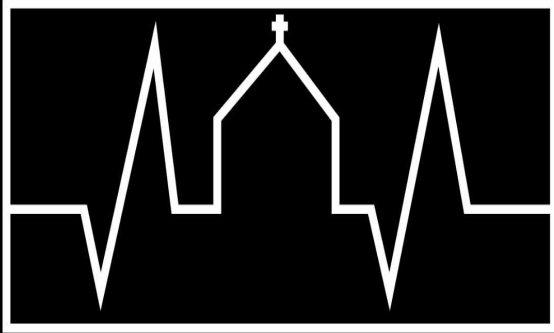
There are three Hebrew words used in the Old Testament for praise and each has a specific definition of how we are to praise. First is Halal, which means to make a noise. Psalms 100; make a joyful noise unto the Lord. It means to be foolish, to rave loudly unto our God. The next is Yadah, which means bodily actions or gestures which accompany our praise. We shout loudly, (halal) but our physical bodies join in on the praise. That is why some run, some shout, some fall prostrate on the floor, others may dance but it all is an expression of our created PURPOSE to praise. Then there is the Hebrew word Zamar, which is associated with the playing or singing of music. David was a great example as to the different expressions of how to praise. He played instruments, he wrote songs, he danced before the presence of the Lord, he cried with a loud voice on occasions and laid before Him and mediated on His goodness. What a wonderful PURPOSE we have been given by our Creator. Remember, you and I were created to praise. Don't let anyone or anything steal your praise. Praise Him when you feel like it and praise Him when you don't. You and I are to praise regardless of our circumstances.

I read this statement many years ago and committed it to memory: Praise until the Spirit of Worship comes; Worship until the Glory comes; then stand or bow in the Glory. I believe mighty, powerful, glorious days are coming if we will fulfill the purpose for our existence. That purpose, as I wrote last month on this subject, is; To Hear the voice of the Lord and now grab hold of true PURPOSEFUL PRAISE.



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Youth and USA Missions Director



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Finances for a new home, Son's back, Health, Our country, and our leaders, A friend's surgery, Daughter in military, Sons health, Healing and strength in body to be able to return home, Two sons in military, Daughter retuning to school, Upcoming change in leadership and transitions, Unsaved children, Bruce Cosner's Health, Judy Gray's Health, Upcoming tests, Getting a job, Our children returning to school, Church growth, Unsaved family, Relationship with son, Finances, Spiritual blessings, Husband who is lost, Unborn child

Pastoral Appointment

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Retired Minister 8/4/2019

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