

Purpose of Human Life is to Glorify God¹

According to the LDS booklet, *The Plan of Salvation*,² the “purpose in my life” is stated as “The earth was created as a place for our Heavenly Father’s children to live and gain experience.” In contrast to the LDS version, which is human-centered, Christianity, as explained in the Bible, is God-centered, saying that the purpose of human life is to glorify God.

Old Testament Verses

And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me. (*Joshua 7:19*)

Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. (*1 Samuel 6:5*)

Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad. (*1 Chronicles 16:10*)

Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. (*1 Chronicles 16:24*)

Splendor and majesty are before Him, Strength and joy are in His place. (*1 Chronicles 16:27*)

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. (*1 Chronicles 16:28*)

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; Worship the LORD in holy array. (*1 Chronicles 16:29*)

Then say, "Save us, O God of our salvation, And gather us and deliver us from the nations, To give thanks to Your holy name, And glory in Your praise." (*1 Chronicles 16:35*)

A Psalm of David. Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of the mighty, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. (*Psalms 29:1*)

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. (*Psalms 86:9*)

Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. (*Isaiah 43:7*)

Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. (*Isaiah 60:21*)

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. (*Isaiah 61:3*)

But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. (*Ezekiel 36:21-22*)

New Testament Verses

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (*Matthew 5:16*)

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. (*John 15:8*)

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (*Romans 1:21*)

He [Abraham] staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; (*Romans 4:20*)

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*)

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (*1 Corinthians 6:20*)

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (*1 Corinthians 10:31*)

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. (*2 Corinthians 4:15*)

Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men; (*2 Corinthians 9:13*)

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (*Philippians 2:11*)

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (*Ephesians 1:5-6*)

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (*Ephesians 5:27*)

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: (*Colossians 1:16*)

That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. (*1 Thessalonians 2:12*)

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: (*2 Thessalonians 3:1*)

When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. (*2 Thessalonians 1:10*)

That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*2 Thessalonians 1:12*)

Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 *Thessalonians 2:14*)

Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. (1 *Peter 1:21*)

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. (1 *Peter 4:16*)

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. (*Revelation 14:7*)

And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. (*Revelation 16:9*)

Book of Mormon Verses³

Therefore he sent angels to converse with them, who caused men to behold of his glory. (*Alma 12:29-30*)

And as for those who are at Jerusalem, saith the prophet, they shall be scourged by all people, because they crucify the God of Israel, and turn their hearts aside, rejecting signs and wonders, and the power and glory of the God of Israel. (1 *Nephi 19:13*)

And now, because of the glory of the world and to get again will they say this, and not for the glory of God. (2 *Nephi 27:16*)

Doctrine and Covenants Verses

Wherefore, let no man glory in man, but rather let him glory in God, who shall subdue all enemies under his feet.. (*Section 76:61*)

Every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God. (*Section 82:19*)

And as pertaining to the new and everlasting covenant, it was instituted for the fulness of my glory; and he that receiveth a fulness thereof must and shall abide the law, or he shall be damned, saith the Lord God. (*Section 132:6*)

Notes:

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