

Knowing My Purpose Pt 1

I am Chosen by God

- There is a verse in the scriptures where God says about the children of Israel **“My people perish for lack of knowledge”** now if we were to stop there one would think that Israel was somehow ignorant of what God has said about them and of the promises that He has made to them. But the verse goes on further and says **“because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me, seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children”**.
- So it wasn't because of ignorance that Israel, God's people were being destroyed, it was because of unbelief towards what God had promised to do for them and their descendants. **Unbelief** had led to **rejection**, which caused Israel to become plain **absentminded** concerning the things of God, and people make no mistake that can also happen to us also.
- In fact that is what I want to study with you this morning, to remind ourselves exactly what has God said about us and our purpose on this earth. The fallacy about evolution and the big bang theory is that it says a bunch of random things happened and somehow “poof” we were the result of it, but the truth is an Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, God skillfully and wonderfully created us, for a specific purpose to fulfil His perfect will.
- Then if that is the case, why are so many professing believers struggling with the question why am I here? What is my purpose? In an interview that was conducted in February a pastor quoted **2 Pet 1:3-4** where scripture says **“God has given us everything we need for a life of Godliness”** and yet he said many believers seem to be seeking what they already have why is that? It's simple, he said they don't believe what the Bible says about them. He said its not more programs, and more professional help, its more time in the Word of God.
- Please remember this > **“if God is not everything you need, then anything you have will not be enough”**, I need to find my worth and my identity in what God has said, and not in what I think or in what the world approves. For starters I need to know who I am as an individual, and scripture tells me exactly what I need to know in > **Ps 139:13-18**- The Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, God showed the care and concern it takes to form me in my mother's womb, knowing who I am before birth and before I even knew who I was.
- This is why we praise Him and not some theory made up by godless people who reject the truth in favor of a lie, because then they'd have to submit to the rest of what scripture says also. Notice how the Holy Spirit allows David to peer through the veil that hides the nerves, sinews and blood vessels, and see our substance, even marking the days of our lives. This from a God Who has me on His mind thinking precious thoughts about how

He desires to bless me, so much so that there isn't a number high enough to count them
Wow!

- That's who you are as an individual, this is who you are as "**the church, the body of Christ**". **1Pet 2:9**- the things that once belonged solely to Israel "**election** (chosen), **priesthood**, and **calling**", are no longer there's exclusively, as God has now called the church "His own special people", we will come back to that a little later on. Its not that we are Israel that is not what its saying, but Israel is in a rebellious state, they've rejected Jesus and the gospel of grace, so the church is now the instrument God uses to reach a lost and dying world.
- **1Cor 12:12-14, Rom 12:4-6**- which is why we are now all one body, having one Spirit, equipped with gifts in order to build the body up for the glory of God > **Eph 4:11-13**. After knowing who you are its important to know who's you are, we belong to the Lord > **Jer 1:5**- before I formed you in the womb, God says I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you, a prophet to the nations.
- **Acts 9:15-16** God told Ananias that Paul was a chosen vessel, that would preach the gospel to the Gentiles, Jews and to Kings, but He also told him that he would suffer greatly for Hi Name. God being Omniscient All Knowing, made both Jermiah and Paul a certain way, Jermiah was thrown into a pit, Paul spent the night adrift at sea, these men were given a fortitude to withstand torture, hunger, and extreme ridicule in order to preach God's message, when most people would have quit and gone home they continued.
- This brings me back to **1Pet 2:9** in telling us as a people who we are there is also an expectation for what we should be doing which is > proclaiming the praises of Him Who called you out of darkness and into His marvelous Light. Once I know my purpose now I should be fulfilling my role as a praise and worshipper of Him Who opened my eyes.
- **Jn 9:24-38** a man who once was blind Jesus has given him sight is brought before the pharisees and they are attempting to get him to change his story or reveal that Jesus somehow did this miracle by deception. He cannot help but share the gospel and ultimately give praise and worship to Jesus. Our purpose is to give God glory by praising His Name, using our gifts, and fulfilling our ministry, because all of us have a ministry to fulfil > **Col 4:17**
- We have been chosen as individuals, we have been chosen as the church, and we have been chosen to give praise and worship to the Lord, by serving the Lord with our gifts, time, and abilities, doing it all for His glory. The beautiful thing about this is that it leads to others coming into a saving relationship with The Lord > **Philip 1:12-14**- we don't know how our testimony will impact others, prayerfully it will embolden others to walk with God.