

CORONAVIRUS

WHEN WHAT WAS PURPOSED
BECOMES PURPOSEFUL

JESUS IS THE ANSWER

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A GOD VIEW

SEEING THROUGH PURPOSE

Ecclesiastes-3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time ***to every purpose*** under the heaven:

HOW TIMES AND SEASONS ALIGN THEMSELVES UP WITH THAT WHICH HAS BEEN PURPOSED

How we view the current state of our nation plays a tremendous role in how we respond to the issues that confront us. This epidemic has been given the title a “Pandemic” simply because we have acknowledged and have given into the “Panic” that the epidemic has caused. Its movement alone defines its name as it continues to “Pan” across borders, countries, states and cities. An epidemic that is not confined to one demographic or even class of people. It has reached across the lines of the rich and the poor. From the homeless to the rich & famous. From entertainers, professional athletes, doctors and first responders. From prime ministers and heads of states. From the White House to even our own house. It has become liquified in how fluid it has made its way into sectors that not even walls can prevent it from crossing.

But as we see this pandemic through the eyes of God’s view. we have no choice but to recognize that “There is nothing new under the sun”.

“Isaiah-46:10-11 ***Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:***

*11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country:
yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; ***I have purposed it, I will also do it.***”*

God sees all things and he knows all things. Not after they have begun, but as they have already ended. He has gone to the end of times and then came back to begin time. The bible says, ***“In The Beginning God”***. God does not work within time. However, time works within God. ***We tend to say that God is always on time. but I submit to you that time is always on God.*** Because he has purposed all things, he has also placed that which is purposed within a season and a time for its purpose to be fulfilled. You see, seasons were never designed to stay, they were designed to come to pass. That’s why we can boldly say that, ***“This Too Shall Pass”***.

When the bible speaks of the fact that ***“God Purposed It”***. It simply means that he has created a purpose or reason for its existence. I believe that this is the real mandate that is placed upon mankind. That we would not allow fear or panic to drive us to figure out ways to fight or prevent. Rather that we should stand still and seek the lord for answers towards its purpose and how we ought to align ourselves up with Gods will in it.

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HOW PURPOSE BECOMES PURPOSEFUL

Romans-8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called **according to his purpose.**

ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE:

The bible says that “All Things”, (not some things) but “All Things” are intentionally designed to work together for our good or for the good of our environments. Which helps us to see that everything that happens in our life can also work for our life. We tend to view bad things and things that cause us hurt, pain set backs and hardships as things that are working against our lives. But through “**Gods View**”, He sees it as something that will eventually improve our lives and prepare us for a future destiny. He uses the language, “**According To His Purpose**”. In other words, he is saying that the things that he allows his people to go through or to experience is necessary, in that what will come from it, is the very ingredients that will make man what he ultimately purposed him to be.

“If God was to take back the things that we had to go through. He would also have to take back the strength that it produced within you”.

BY HIM AND FOR HIM:

Colossians-1:16 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:

America In The Fast Lane: (We Are Going No Where Fast)

The general focus of society is focused more on seeking wealth, comfort, convenience of life, material gain, perfect health and beauty, sustaining a worlds view vs a “God View”

Paul said, “I am what I am by the grace of God” (1 Corinthians-15:10)

Coronavirus: *Has caused the world, our nations to stand still and to consider. To slow down and really consider the things that really matter in life. We are forced to spend more down time, quiet time and quality social time with our loved ones. This pandemic has forced us out of the fast life of the carpool lanes and into pacing ourselves into the lanes of longevity.*

Haggai: 1:5 Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.

“When we are restricted from doing what we have been privileged to do, we are then forced to do, what we should have always been doing”

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BY HIM AND FOR HIM:

Because God is an intentional God. We must accept the fact that he makes no mistakes. Everything that he has created, he made it with the expectations that he will get something from it.

In the first day of creation God made the heavens and the earth. Then on the third day of creation God spoke to what he had already created (Earth) And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

God has placed purpose within everything that he has created. That at the appointed time he brings it forth that purpose is no longer hidden, but made manifest to benefit mankind.

WHEN YOUR STORY BECOMES HIS GLORY:

Esther-4:14 and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

The suffering that he allowed Esther to go through. Eventually positioned her to be in a place where God could use her for his glory.

God created a vacancy, in order for there to be an opening. Knowing the decree that would come to destroy or bring harm upon his people. He brought her into the Kingdom at the right time and placed her next to the king, the powers that be. So that she can speak truth to power and change the evil that has come to plague her people.

So it is with the church. God has purposed his church to be the salt and light in the earth. He has given her the power of salt that preserves life and the power of light that removes darkness.

Though this virus has caused much pain and hardships across our world. God is using it to get mans attention and to cause us to concede to the fact that we are not a nation “**Above God**”, but that we are a nation “**Under God**”. It has caused all humanity to seek him and to fall to our knees in prayer. Where we have chosen to live our lives and conduct our affairs absent from the lord. He has allowed an invisible force (Coronavirus) to fluidly cross our borders and infiltrate the conveniences of our lives in a way that we have no recourse of his to combat it. We are left with more questions than answers. With uncertainties that has shaken our foundations, physically, economically, emotionally as well as socially.

A NEW NORM HAS BEEN BORN

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THE FEAR FACTOR

Luke-21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

PANDEMIC - A GLOBAL FEAR:

“A Epidemic That Has Paned Across A Region or Nation”

Pandemic: A Pandemic is a global outbreak of disease. Pandemic happens when a new virus emerges to infect people and can spread between people sustainably. Because there is little to no pre-existing immunity against the new virus, it spreads worldwide.

The real cause of our fear lies within the realms of the unknown. Men's hearts are becoming overwhelmed with anxiety and panic, simply because we have no clear direction of how to truly combat this virus and prevent it from spreading any further.

“How do you prepare a defense for an offense you've never seen before”

Joshua-3:4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, ***that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way before.***

Though we have had many plagues, diseases, and outbreaks throughout our life time. We have yet to experience the level of fear and panic that this one is causing. It has shifted our society into a survival mentality. A mindset focused on purchasing and harboring for the just in case, vs seeking Gods wisdom for his peace that passes all understanding. The bible says that, “Fear has Torment”. Fear can drive us to a place of instability and panic to where nothing can suffice. Because there is still a door unlocked or a window left open.

Remember, 2 Timothy-1:7 **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear;** but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

God called his people to live by his faith. To have the soundness of mind to know that all things will work together for our good. To know that he knows how to deliver the righteous out of danger and that he can keep us from falling and prevent us faultless before his glory. At the end of the day, God's word is forever settled in heaven. And what he has determined or purposed, will come to pass.

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A WORLD BEYOND CORONA EXODUS-14:13-15 FEAR NOT, STAND STILL, AND GO FORWARD

GOING FORWARD, WHILE STANDING STILL:

*Exodus-14: 13 And Moses said unto the people, **Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day:** for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. 14 The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.*

*15 And the Lord said unto Moses, **Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:***

FEAR NOT:

I want to encourage the heart of Gods people as well as all of humanity. We are at an intentional stand still right now in our lives, that we may turn our hearts back to God and step aside and allow him to be God. He said stand still and see. We don't need movement to prove progress. Sometimes we simply need faith to see that progress can take place even when there is no movement. Because when we stand still, then now God can move.

STAND STILL:

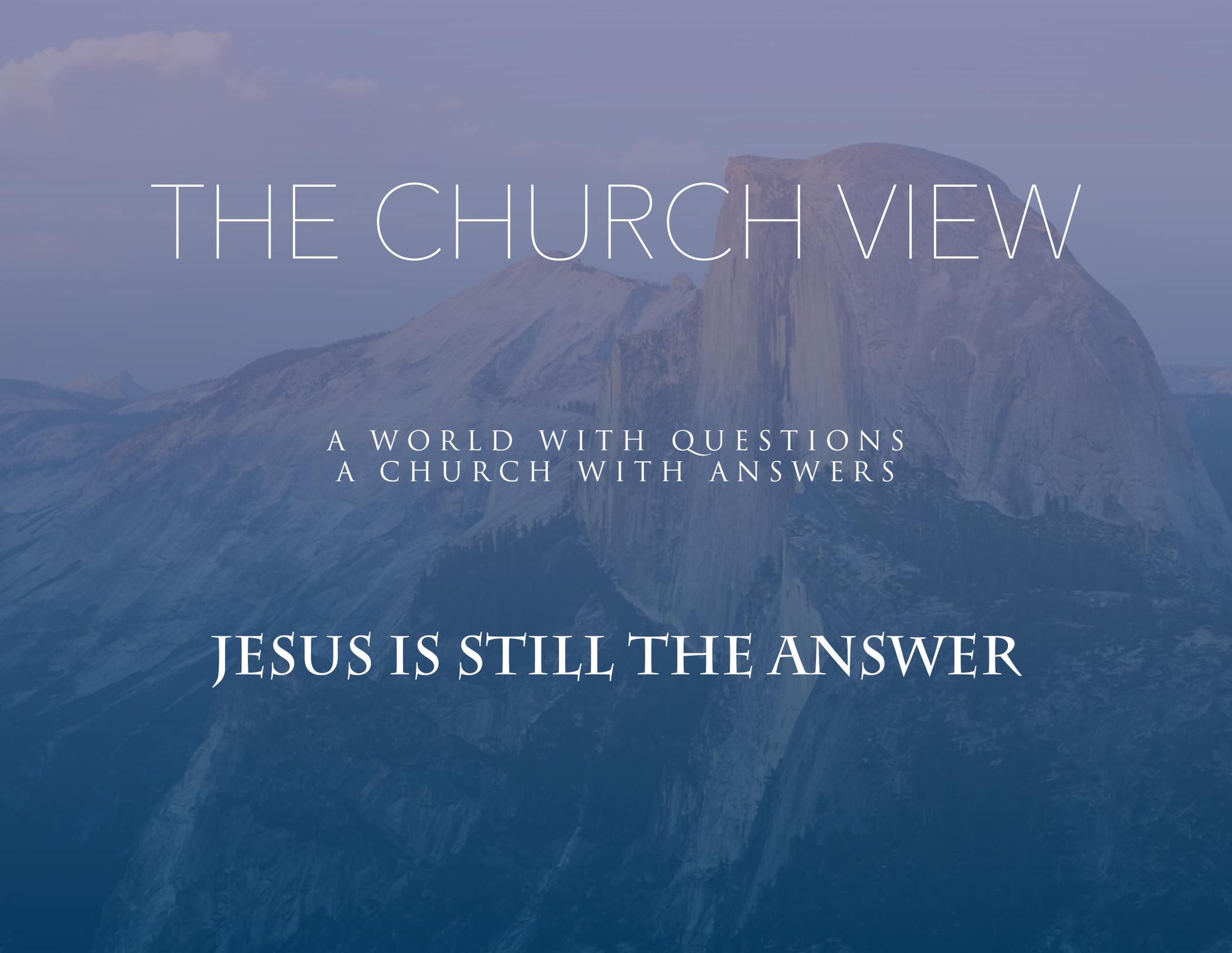
*When the whole earth was in chaos in the beginning of times and darkness came upon the earth. The waters had flooded Gods creation and made it without form and void. Until the spirit of the Lord **"Moved"** upon the face of the deep and called for the light to shine out of darkness and restored the earth back to its purpose and gave it validity and the power to reproduce. (Genesis-1:1-5)*

As the church takes its rightful place in this world. No longer hidden within our sacred cows of denominational doctrines and political posturing. As the whole earth is groaning in travail waiting for the revealing or manifestation of the sons of God (The Church) Romans-8:19)

When we choose not to be overcome by evil, (Coronavirus) but to overcome evil with good (Romans-12:21)

GO FORWARD:

When we choose to not grow weary in well doing. But to have faith that our economy will be restored in its season, and that our time of reaping will come, if we faint not (Galatians-6:9)



THE CHURCH VIEW

A WORLD WITH QUESTIONS
A CHURCH WITH ANSWERS

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