

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE PURPOSE?

Before I was saved, I used to ask myself nearly every day for several years, *What is the purpose of life?* In search of my answer, I read the writings of many philosophers who themselves did not know the real purpose of life. Their books only made me more depressed.

For several years when I was a young man, I would get up every morning and take the hour-long bus ride to London and then return home at night. I saw many of the same people every day, and they seemed to accomplish nothing with their lives. This question of the purpose of life haunted me until I got saved. It was then I realized what the purpose of life was.

On the day before I gave my heart to the Lord, I had an awesome experience. During that night, I had two distinct visions. In the first vision, I saw the world. I saw people being born as babies, then growing up and coming to manhood. I saw them living their lives and then dying. Sadly, it seemed as if there was no purpose whatsoever in their lives.

Then I had another vision and in the second vision I saw what happens to unredeemed mankind after they die. I saw people literally falling into Hell. Hell is a very real place! All these people had been born, they had grown to manhood, they had lived their lives, and finally they had died. Then at the end of their lives they went to Hell. I then saw the Lord with His arms stretched forth pleading with mankind.

The day after I had these two visions, I went to the scientific research laboratory in London, England, where I worked. I wanted desperately to do something that would change this world. With much gusto, I tried to convert a fellow worker to my political party that morning. He patiently listened to me speak, then he said: "I

don't know much about your politics, but I do know what is going to happen among the nations." He talked to me about the Lord's Second Coming, and then he said: "God has a plan for the nations, and God has a plan for your life. It starts when you receive Christ as your Saviour and believe on Him."

To this I replied, "I believe!" At that very moment, the Lord appeared and stood right in front of me, and I was born-again by the Spirit of God. I knew I was born-again, because as I walked down the streets it was as though I was walking on air. I was so joyous. Something had happened to me and my life was instantly changed!

One does not have to go to a laboratory in England to be saved, nor does one need to have such dramatic visions as I had. However, in order to be born-again, we must be convicted by the Holy Spirit that we are going to Hell unless we lay hold of the pardon that is provided by Jesus Christ.

FULFIL YOUR LIFE DESTINY

I would like to give my own testimony concerning eternal judgment. I have experienced death. Many years ago I asked the Lord to take my life because of all the opposition I was facing. God answered my prayer and the angel of the Lord appeared to me one night while I was sleeping.

When I awoke, I found him standing above my bed. I came out of my body and stood next to the angel. For a brief moment, which seemed like an eternity, I looked down at my body lying beside my wife who was sleeping peacefully. The realization that my life was over gripped me. I could do no more on this earth to serve the Lord. It was an awesome feeling that everything was over.

The angel turned and I turned in unison with him. No word was spoken between us. Then it was as though the roof of the parsonage was no longer there and we went quicker than lightning towards Heaven, which I could see in the far distance. The nearer we came to Heaven, the sadder I became. A profound sadness gripped my being and that sadness overcame my soul. Although I knew that I was saved, baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit, and living in the light that I had received, strangely, I was not looking forward to going to Heaven.

We arrived at the gates of Heaven, before a river of pure water. Standing there, I was shown my whole life from birth to that present moment in a series of cameos, one after another in a matter of seconds. The amazing thing is that some of the cameos were blank. I understood that these were times in my life when I failed God, but because I had asked for forgiveness, all memory and record of them had been washed away by the blood of Jesus.

The Lord revealed to me God's purpose for my life. I realized that I had not fulfilled it, for I was dying before my appointed time. Yes, I was a Christian, and I made it to Heaven, but I had not hit God's mark for my life! I hope none of you ever experience the terrible agony I felt through my whole being. The anguish of not fulfilling God's call on your life is terrible.

In agony of spirit, I pleaded with the Lord to send me back to earth and give me another chance to fulfil my calling. The angel must have received an order from the Lord, because at that very moment, he and I turned again without a word being spoken, and we went down towards earth at a tremendous speed. Arriving at my bedside, I saw my body lying there. The angel then touched me and I returned to my body.

After a few days I asked the Lord why He had given me that experience. The Lord replied that I was to warn His people what it would be like at the judgment seat of Christ. Not only will we have to give an account of the works done in the flesh, but also whether or not we have fulfilled God's calling upon our lives.

CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOR GOOD

I was counseling a deacon who belonged to a church in Switzerland. In essence, the situation was that this deacon had a wife who was confined to a mental asylum. He had twisted the Scripture to his own destruction by misquoting Paul's words in his letter to the Corinthians. He had started to live with another woman, having convinced himself he was free from his wife.

In his dream, he was placed in a line of men who were standing in Heaven before a throne occupied by an angel. As each one stood before the angel their lives were revealed and they fell down in agony and were then dispatched by an emissary from Hell into the regions below.

As the line became shorter, with only two men between the angel and this deacon, the man who stood in front of the angel did what all the others had previously done. He fell down in agony before the angel and was cast into Hell.

The man immediately in front of the deacon turned around and said, "I do not have to worry, for I have done nothing wrong in my life." However, when his turn came he fell before the angel as all the others who preceded him, and was likewise hurled into Hell. The dream ended and the deacon found himself awake in his bed on earth.

Naturally his heart was very troubled when he came to see me. The Lord graciously

revealed the interpretation and I said, "The interpretation is clear. You are facing eternal judgment unless you cease from your wicked ways. You are presumptuous in thinking that you are free from your wife and able to live with another woman." Both the elder and I gave solemn warning to him to mend his ways. We said, "You are in the company of those who are pure in their own eyes, but not right before God." He agreed and said that he would leave her and devote himself to his wife.

The end of the story, however, is tragic. The deacon had suddenly died in the night. I asked my friend the elder, "In what spiritual condition did the deacon die?" "After he had seen you" my friend said, "his life changed dramatically and he ceased to drink and he left the woman. Sadly, six months later he reverted to his old life and returned to the woman, and so it was when he died." Both the elder and I knew that the vision had been complete and the deacon had arrived at the throne of judgment, and, as with other men, had been found wanting.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE SAVED

Why is it that so many people start out well in life, but end up ruining themselves? The problem is called sin. The only solution to this problem is the holy blood of Jesus, which He shed upon the cross for you.

Jesus loves you. He doesn't want you to go to Hell, but He does want you to know the truth so that you can turn to God and be saved. Check your own heart and made peace with the Lord if you need to do so.

"Lord Jesus, save my soul and lead me on the path to Heaven. Do not let me go to Hell, but make my heart clean and pure."

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AWESOME ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD



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