

God's Grand Purpose in All Things

Heb. 2:9-10

Introduction:

- A. God is the center and source of all existence — By him, for him.
- B. Man is the center of God's grand purpose: "Bring many sons into glory" (v.5-9).
- C. God's Grand Purpose is behind all His workings in world.

Discussion:

- I. God's Purpose in Jesus Christ Is To Bring Many Sons Into Glory.
 - A. His incarnation, life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension to that end. Luke 24:26
 - B. He became the first born of many brethren in glory (Rom 8:29,30)
 - C. He became our forerunner into glory (Heb. 6:19-20)
- II. God's Purpose in Human History Is To Bring Many Sons Into Glory.
 - A. The affairs of Ancient Israel.
 - 1. Personal affairs of Joseph, Moses, Esther.
 - 2. National affairs of Israel.
 - B. The affairs of all nations.
 - 1. Babylon, Assyria and Persia. (Dan. 2:1-7; Assyria Isa 10:5-7; Cyrus Isa. 45:1,13).
 - 2. Rome: Pilate, Herods, Titus.
 - 3. I believe God's hand in nations today for His grand purpose.
- III. God's Purpose in Human Problems Is To Bring Many Sons Into Glory.
 - A. He is not the source of our problems:
 - 1. Satan was at source of Job's problem.
 - 2. Temptation, suffering, and death not from God. (Jas. 1:13-15; death last "enemy" 1 Cor. 15:26).
 - B. He does overrule and exercise control over them.
 - 1. By limiting their power. (1 Cor. 10:13).
 - 2. By letting them serve his grand purpose. (Jas. 1:2,3,12; 2 Cor. 4:17; Heb. 12:3-11)
- IV. God's Purpose in The Church Is To Bring Many Sons Into Glory.
 - A. Church not merely a society to satisfy God's desire for worship.
 - B. Church prepares many sons to live in glory: Strengthens our relationship to God.
 - 1. Church assemblies edify. (Heb. 10:25-29). — helps keep faith strong and resistance high.
 - 2. Church worship edifies. (public prayer can build up 1 Cor. 14:17; Lord's supper 1 Cor.11:29,30; Col 3:16).
 - 3. Church structure edifies. (Eph. 4:11-16).
 - C. Church does not need me nearly as much as I need the church.
- V. God's Purpose In Demanding Godly Living Is To Bring Many Sons Into Glory.
 - A. Godly living here prepares us for it there. (2 Pet. 3:10-13).
 - 1. It is not to deny us the pleasure of this world.
 - 2. It is to prepare us to live in the next world.
 - B. One must learn to love truth and righteousness now (2 Thess. 2:10-12).
 - 1. What makes one think going to heaven would suddenly change his attitude?
 - 2. People who have not developed a love for truth and righteousness are not prepared for the righteousness of heaven and will not go there.

Conclusion:

- A. God's grand purpose: To bring us into glorified, righteous society in heaven.
- B. Are you a son (child) of God? (cf. Gal. 3:26,27).
- C. Are you living as obedient children preparing for glorious living? (1 Pet. 1:13-15)