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.
      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).
      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.
      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.
C. Are you living as obedient children preparing for glorious living? (1 Pet. 1:13-15)