What’s the point of life?

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy pleasure they are and were created.** – Revelation 4:11

One of the purpose as a child of God would be **to know God and His love towards us.**

God has a plan for each of us which is before ordained by God Himself.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works, which God hath before ordained** that we should walk in them. – Ephesians 2:10

For **it is God w**hich worketh in you **both to will and to do** of his good pleasure. – Philippians 2:13

God has a purpose for each of us. He will direct you through different circumstances in life if you do desire to fulfill God’s purpose in life. God doesn’t make mistakes. He changed the crucifixion of Jesus to the salvation of mankind. We can trust God.

God loves us, he is our creator and our Father. – Its a fact and it doesn’t change on whether we feel or not.

and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, **and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.** – John 17:23

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. – Romans 8:28

From Streams in the desert devotional

*I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content (*Philippians 4:11*).*

Paul, denied of every comfort, wrote the above words in his dungeon.

A story is told of a king who went into his garden one morning, and found everything withered and dying. He asked the oak that stood near the gate what

the trouble was. He found it was sick of life and determined to die because it was not tall and beautiful like the pine. The pine was all out of heart because it could not bear grapes, like the vine. The vine was going to throw its life away because it could not stand erect and have as fine fruit as the peach tree. The geranium was fretting because it was not tall and fragrant like the lilac.

And so on all through the garden. Coming to a heart's-ease, he found its bright face lifted as cheery as ever. "Well, heart's-ease, I'm glad, amidst all this discouragement, to find one brave little flower. You do not seem to be the least disheartened." "**No, I am not of much account, but I thought that if you wanted an oak, or a pine, or a peach tree, or a lilac, you would have planted one; but as I knew you wanted a heart's-ease, I am determined to be the best little heart's-ease that I can."**

Others may do a greater work,
But you have your part to do;
And no one in all God's heritage
Can do it so well as you.

They who are God's without reserve, are in every state content; for they will only what He wills, and desire to do for Him whatever He desires them to do; they strip themselves of everything, and in this nakedness find all things restored an hundredfold.

Psalm 139

139 O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Have money, position, power, good family.. what about the soul?

Most of us have something which we always think/ care about the most. For most, it can be money. The love for money is deep embedded within most of us. For some, it can be a high position or power. If there was no love for power or money, many of the wars wouldn't have occurred. For some it can be their own family which is the priority for them. Love you family, that's good. But is that all to it?

And as **it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment**: – Hebrews 9:27

The parable of Lazarus and the rich man is meant to teach us that **there is a life after death.**

If we still remain in our sins, we will be separated from God for ever. Would we be like the rich man who was described as

… **also died, and was buried;**

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments …

In the Bible its mentioned

Luke 16:19-31

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that **the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom**: **the rich man also died, and was buried;**

23 And i**n hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments,** and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And **beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so**

that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? – Mark 8:36

This is what God says.

When a baby is born, there is a date set for the soul to be returned to the giver of the life. It's a fact that all of us would die one day. That doesn't change if you are rich or poor. It's a law which is true for all human beings. So what happens after death? Should we think about what happens after death? Shouldn't we just focus on the current life? We as humans tend to think forward. That's the reason why we try to earn more money to make future secure. We think in advance and ensure that we have health insurance so that an emergency is taken care of. So we do think in advance..

What about our soul? What when our breath stops? We leave all the money, position, family and everything which we accumulated in this life span. It's a FACT that we came into this world empty handed and would leave this world empty handed. Our soul returns to the God Almighty.

Everything we did in this short life on earth we would need to give an account for. Can we live our lives just as the way we desire and not reap the consequences? As we sow, so shall we reap.

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Be concerned about your soul also. Because it's a matter of eternity. We take care of our bodies by having good nutritious food and exercise. But finally the body will return to dust at our death. **Make sure your soul is not lost**. There is no point in regretting after death as we can live only one life on earth and there is no coming back.

How can I come to God?

First of all, we can't come to God directly. Just think about the head of our country. Can we just go and meet them? We can meet them if we have an invitation. God is the supreme most power and the highest in authority in the whole universe. We can come to God only in His own terms, not ours.

God reveals of Himself as – **of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity** – Habakkuk 1:13

No one with iniquity or sin can come to His presence. We can come to God after being cleansed from our sins. We cannot cleanse ourselves from our sins.

God sent His ONLY begotten son Jesus Christ into this world so that ANYONE who believes in Him should not perish, but should receive everlasting life. If ANYONE believes in JESUS and repents of their own sins and asks JESUS to forgive their sins; He being God himself, has the power to forgive sins. Only the true God can forgive the sins of mankind. Jesus being God who came to earth in the form of human alone has the power to forgive our sins.

Be truthful to yourself and do repent of your sins. Pray to Jesus. He knows our heart.

He has promised in His word – in the Holy bible**. If we confess our sins, He is**

faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

For it is not possible that the blood of goats and bulls should take away sins.

Without shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. In JESUS alone, we have redemption from our sins through His blood shed on the cross, and the forgiveness of sins and complete freedom from sin's bondage on us.

With repentance tell all your sins to Jesus. Jesus understands all your needs. He will forgive and all your sins will be cleansed. You will **receive eternal life and you can be assured that you are in the right way to heaven.**

JESUS – the meaning of the name is – **the one who saves the people from their sins.**

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:7-9

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name – John 1:12

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, **Abba, Father.**

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that *we are the children of God* – Romans 8:15,16

When your sins are cleansed, you become a child of God and then you can come to God, our Heavenly Father.

If you are sincere to know if there is a real God, pray if there is a true real God to reveal Himself to you. God Himself has promised – Jeremiah 29:13

13 **And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.**

If interested, read the Bible with an open mind praying to the true God to reveal Himself to you. You can start with the new testament, Gospel of MARK and then Gospel of John and then the other books of the New Testament.

Let the true God, if it be Jesus or Allah or any other God, let the true God reveal Himself to you!

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: **for if ye believe not that I am he**, ye shall die in your sins. – John 8:24

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. – Acts 4:12

In my case, I realised Jesus is really God and He is whom He says to be.

To avoid hell and to go to heaven, **Repenting of one's sins and believing in Jesus as Saviour is the condition as mentioned in the Bible.**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, **that whosoever believeth in him should not perish**, but have everlasting life. – John 3:16

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son shall not see life**; but the wrath of God abideth on him. – John 3:36