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Our one purpose on earth is having a continual mindset that says Revelation 4:11 "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." We are on earth to honor and glorify God with every song we sing; every action we take; and every decision we make.

We have to ask: Is the way I'm treating family, friends, and co-workers honoring God or the world? Are my responses to situations I meet each day, bringing glory to God or bringing attention to the world?

The devil wants us to think that this life is all there is—to not give much thought about the next life. The issue is, however, that this is the *before life* and then the *afterlife*. The friend of a famous baseball player who lost his life in an accident wore a tee-shirt that read: *This life is short; Heaven is forever!*

That is *so true*—but *so often* not thought of in a way that brings change or repentance. If more people realized how *short* this life is and how *eternal* the next one is, maybe their attitudes, their choices, and their treatment of others would be much different. *This life* is just the warm-up for the main event—the coming *eternal life*!

We must know the real purpose of life here, because if we don't, we could *waste* our time on

unimportant things. The old cliché says: *If you* aim at nothing; you'll hit it every time. Satan makes it so easy to have an unfruitful spiritual life. Ephesians 5:14 "Therefore He says: 'Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.' 15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

The iPhone has a feature called Siri—if you ask a question, you get an answer—Like: *What is the meaning of life*? One answer was: *It's the feeling you get when someone treats you really nice; so do that to others.* It is a good thing to treat *others* as *you* want to be treated, but there is more to life than that.

61% of people polled recently said the main purpose of life is *enjoyment and personal fulfillment*—and the world in general believes that. The true purpose of life is saying Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created."

The apostle John was caught up to Heaven Revelation 4, and he tried to describe the indescribable. He wrote that he saw the Lord seated on a throne with an emerald rainbow encircling Him. The twenty-four elders may be the twelve patriarchs from the OT and the twelve apostles of the New Testament.

The apostle saw Revelation 4:5 "Flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder," indicating a storm and a warning from God's throne—serious trouble is coming. The apostle describes angels worshipping and praising God. Revelation 4:8 "They rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

Continual worship and praise to God is our primary duty on earth. Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created. "Revelation is a glimpse into the next dimension!

This life is not for *enjoyment and personal fulfillment*, but to glorify God in all that we do and decide. From the beginning, God warned Adam's son—Genesis 4:7 "*If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.*" If we strive for personal enjoyment, then the sin-nature is still in control.

Isaiah 43:7 "All who claim me as their God will come, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them." We have been chosen by God, and Ephesians 1:12 "God's purpose was that we who were the first to trust in Christ should praise our glorious God." And 1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Whether we are working, playing, reading, or building something, it can be for the glory of God and shining a light for the Lord Jesus—*that* is why we are on earth—it is all part of being prepared for an eternal kingdom.

Revelation 5:1 "And I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: "Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and unroll it?" 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it."

Scrolls in those days are books in these days—not only hardback books, but a Kindle, Ebooks, and iPads that we can read like a book. Everything was written by hand on parchment or scrolls in the first century and rolled up. A scroll in that day with seven seals would be like a sealed registered letter in *this* day. The seals would indicate a document of great importance.

If a Jewish man had to forfeit his land and possessions, the losses would be listed on a scroll that had been sealed seven times. The conditions to purchase back the land and possessions were written on the outside of the scroll—which seemed like a title deed.

Adam lost the title deed in the Garden of Eden when he and Eve disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit. From that day to this, Satan has been in control of the earth. Scripture describes Satan as 2 Corinthians 4:4 "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not;" John 12:31 "The ruler [prince] of this world;" Ephesians 2:2 "The prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."

Satan is in back of all the evil, wickedness, and corruption this world has ever known—and it can only get worse. The devil is calling the *shots* and running the *show*, but Jesus came to this earth to buy back what was lost in Eden. The only way Jesus could do this was by His death on the cross—in fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

Satan wanted Jesus to worship him and said Luke 4:6 "To you will I give all this authority and this splendour; for it has been handed over to me, and on whomsoever I will I bestow it." Jesus did not refute that statement, but when the devil said 7 "I will give it all to you if you will bow down and worship me," Jesus responded: 8 "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God; serve only him. ""

The only way for God to redeem sinners, is through the shed Blood of the Lamb. The apostle said Revelation 5:4 "And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon." No one was worthy—not even Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, or Jeremiah. 5 "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."

When Jesus took the book, it all changed from weeping to worshipping. Revelation 5:6 "I looked and I saw a Lamb that had been killed but was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God that are sent out into every part of the earth. 7 He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne."

This is why John said of Jesus John 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." We were created to worship God and the Lamb, and we can do that in so many ways, as well as at every opportunity God gives us—our conduct in general; the way we talk; how we use our time; giving others first choice; and the attitude we take to work each morning.

Revelation 5:8 "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours [incense], which are the prayers of saints.

9 "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

When the golden bowl full of prayers is being brought forth, we will know that God has heard every prayer; and He has promised to reveal the reason if any prayer has not been answered. Revelation 5:11 "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

This entire chapter of Revelation reminds why we were created. Revelation 5:13 "And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They also sang: "Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever. 14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever."

That is the purpose for our existence; *that* is the reason we were created—to *worship* the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give *glory* to God the Father, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We can *do* that with our *words*; our *conversations*; our *conduct*; our *choices*; and how we *interact* with others.

We practice for *eternity*, when we practice God's *Word*—forgiving, loving, worshipping, and thanking God every day for the Truth that He has so graciously given to us; for sending His Son to atone for our sins; and for offering the gift of His Spirit Who enables us to *know*—that *This life is short; Heaven is forever!*

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