

## 6—God's Purpose in Creation

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### INTRO:

#### I. WHERE CREATION THEOLOGY CAME FROM

#### II. Psalms 33:1-22

*1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.*

*2 Praise the LORD with the harp;  
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.*

*3 Sing to him a **new song**; (6x in Psalms, Isa 42:10)  
play skillfully, and shout for joy.*

*→ 4 For the **word** of the LORD is right and true;  
he is **faithful** in all he does.*

*5 The LORD loves **righteousness** and **justice**;  
the earth is full of his **unfailing love**.*

*6 By the **word** of the LORD the heavens were made,  
their starry host by the **breath** of his mouth.*

*→ 7 He **gathers** the **waters** of the sea into jars;  
he puts the **deep** into storehouses.*

*8 Let all the earth **fear** the LORD;  
let all the people of the world **revere** him.*

*9 For he **spoke**, and it **came to be**;  
he **commanded**, and it stood firm.*

*→ 10 The LORD foils the **plans** of the nations;  
he thwarts the **purposes** of the peoples.*

*11 But the **plans** of the LORD stand firm forever,  
the **purposes** of his **heart** through all generations.*

*12 **Blessed** is the nation **whose** God is the LORD,  
the people he **chose** for his inheritance.*

#### I. His Word is Faithful

*4 For the **word** of the LORD is right and true;  
he is **faithful** in all he does.*

*6 By the **word** (dabar) of the LORD the heavens were **made**, (asah)  
their starry host by the **breath** (ruach) of his mouth.*

A. If God says He's going to do something He does it.

1) **Numbers 23:19**

*God is not human, that he should lie,  
not a human being, that he should change his mind.  
Does he speak and then not act?  
Does he promise and not fulfill?*

2) **THE PROPHECY OF GENESIS**

B. God's Word always accomplishes its mission.

1) **Isaiah 55:10-11**

*As the rain and the snow  
come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it  
without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  
so is **my word** that goes out from my mouth:  
It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

2) **NOT DEPENDENT ON A PREACHER**

## II. His Love is Unfailing

7 He **gathers** the **waters** (yam) of the sea into jars;  
he puts the **deep** (tahomot) into storehouses.

9 For he **spoke**, (amar) and it **came to be**; (vayehiy)  
he **commanded**, and it stood firm.

A. God is always looking to gather us back to His love.

1) **Isaiah 45:12-13**

*I made the earth,  
and created humankind upon it;  
it was my hands that stretched out the heavens,  
and I commanded all their host.  
I have aroused **Cyrus** in righteousness,  
and I will make all his paths straight;*

*he shall build my city  
and set my exiles free.*

2) CYRUS CYLINDAR—539 BC, FOUND 1879

B. The God that spoke the universe is speaking to us also.

1) **Genesis 1:1-2**

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over  
the surface of the **deep**, and the Spirit of God was hovering  
over the **waters**.*

2) WAKING UP EARLY AT THE GOAT ROCKS

### III. His Purpose is Blessing

11 But the **plans** of the LORD stand firm forever,  
the **purposes** of his **heart** through all generations.

12 **Blessed** is the nation **whose** God is the LORD,  
the people he **chose** for his inheritance.

A. The challenge is seeing our lives from God's perspective.

1) **Isaiah 55:8-9**

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,"  
declares the Lord.*

*"As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

2) SOUL SURFER—GOD'S PLAN

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B. God's purpose for our lives will always be better than ours.

1) **Jeremiah 29:11-12**

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,  
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future."*

2) NEVER WOULD HAVE MET THE BOYS

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Isaiah 43:9

Which of their gods foretold this  
and proclaimed to us the former things?  
Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right,  
so that others may hear and say, "It is true."

Isaiah 46:10-11

I make known the end from the beginning,  
from ancient times, what is still to come.  
I say, 'My purpose will stand,  
and I will do all that I please.'  
From the east I summon a bird of prey;  
from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose.  
What I have said, that I will bring about;  
what I have planned, that I will do.

Isaiah 51:6

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
look at the earth beneath;  
the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment  
and its inhabitants die like flies.  
But my salvation will last forever,  
my righteousness will never fail.

Psalms 104:29-30

When you hide your face,  
they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to the dust.  
When you send your Spirit,  
they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.