

## LIFE DOES HAVE A PURPOSE

### *Note to the speaker:*

Jehovah has purpose: Vindicating his sovereignty and restoring the earth to a paradise state are important parts of his purpose. Our life can have purpose if we make Jehovah's purpose our purpose

### **WE NATURALLY DESIRE TO HAVE PURPOSE IN OUR LIVES** (2 min.)

We are part of a vast universe consisting of thousands of millions of galaxies

Each galaxy may contain thousands of millions of stars (*ce* 118)

We are part of a human family of more than five thousand million people

Our fleeting existence in the aeons of time may cause us to feel our lives lack meaning (*g87* 1/22 12)

But our minds demand meaning: Does life have a purpose?

Why are we here? Where are we going? Is it possible that infinitesimally small and unimportant creatures such as we are could make a difference and have any meaning?

### **THERE IS A MASTER CREATOR WITH A PURPOSE** (8 min.)

Consider the evidence from the universe that there is a Master Creator who has a purpose

Anyone will acknowledge that a watch had a maker; a comparison of a watch with the heavenly galaxies points to creatorship (Isa 40:26; Heb 3:4; *ce* 122)

Many relationships of the sun and the earth are essential to the sustaining of life

The sun is an energy and light source

What is the origin of the sun if not a Master Creator? (Ps 74:16)

Succession of days, nights, and seasons provides for plant growth by allowing the right amount of light and heat and the proper growing periods (*ce* 131-3)

Reflect on the balance and benefits of our atmosphere (*ce* 134-7)

Contains the proper proportion of oxygen and other gases; serves as a shield from deadly rays

Water has remarkable properties; without it life on earth could not exist (*ce* 137-8)

Carries minerals to plants, supports oxygen-carbon dioxide balance; our bodies are about 70 percent water

Water has just the right boiling and freezing points, and it expands when freezing

Soil has qualities essential for plant growth (*ce* 138-40)

Bacteria, worms, and insects have a role in enriching the soil so it can produce vegetation and food

Not just one but all these things exist and continue, all together being essential for life; could all of these come together not only once but continually simply by chance? (Ro 1:20; *ce* 140-1)

Since evidence points to a Creator, are there indications that he has a future for his creation?

### **CREATOR'S PURPOSE REFLECTED IN HIS BOUNTIFUL PROVISIONS** (8 min.)

Our Creator's purpose is proved in that he not only created these things but also maintains them in the necessary quantities and balance to sustain life

God is like a generous owner of our "home," the earth (*ce* 129-31)

Our earthly home has "ceiling lights" and a power source, as do most good houses

Earth's "cellar" contains fuel, ores, jewels, and chemicals

We find that the earth has a "plumbing system" of streams, springs, and rainfall—could man construct such a marvelous system? (Ps 104:10, 11)

Earth's "floors" are carpeted with vegetation—usually man-made damage is quickly repaired (*g79* 9/22 9-10)

There is a bountiful food supply in earth's "pantry" (Ps 104:14, 15, 24; *it-1* 545)

The Creator's purpose toward his living creation is evident when we consider his foresight in originally making earth able to support a large population that was yet in the future

Our earthly home is not for temporary but for permanent dwelling (Isa 45:18; *w84* 2/15 4)

Since the earth is extensively being ruined, what will be done about the disorder existing on earth?

From human viewpoint, it is impossible to bring order to earth, so will it ever come? (*Ec* 1:15)

### **GOD PROMISES, NOT A PROGRESSIVELY RUINED PLANET, BUT A PARADISE EARTH** (12 min.)

Jesus promised the evildoer on the stake alongside him that he would be in Paradise (Lu 23:42, 43; *rs* 286-7)

What did Jesus mean? Did he have in mind a heavenly paradise?

The word "paradise" means basically a garden or park

The Hebrew Scriptures nowhere held forth to anyone the opportunity of going to heaven

A paradise earth was not a new concept; faithful servants of God from the beginning looked forward to a beautiful, peaceful paradise earth (*w81* 4/15 6)

When Israelites entered Promised Land, it was a foregleam of Paradise (De 11:10-12)

God promised “new heavens and a new earth” to Israel when he said that he would restore them from exile in Babylon (Isa 65:17, 18; *su* 106)

The “new heavens” was realized in the rulership of Cyrus the Great, Zerubbabel, and Jeshua  
“New earth” was a disciplined, repentant people reestablished in their land

Jehovah gave the Israelites help in beautifying the land (Isa 35:1, 2)

Promise of “new heavens and a new earth” was to have a later fulfillment (*su* 107-12)

The apostle Peter showed that there was to be a future, greater fulfillment (Read 2 Peter 3:13)

This “new earth” will occupy the entire globe—all mankind (Re 21:1-3; Ps 115:16)

The coming “new heavens” is a government residing in heaven (*re* 301-3)

God’s dealings with the human race from the beginning assured faithful men of the coming Paradise earth  
(Briefly touch on God’s promise of the “seed” at Genesis 3:15; 22:18; 2 Samuel 7:12, 13, 16)

Before Paradise can exist, the earth must be cleansed (Jer 23:19, 20; Re 11:18)

How will God ensure permanent peace and enjoyable living on earth?

Bad elements on earth, including greedy, destructive people, must be cleaned out (Pr 21:18)

God did this in the ancient Land of Promise (*g89* 1/22 4 ¶4, 5)

The corrupt system that has blinded people to the truth must go

Unlike wars of the nations, “the war of the great day of God the Almighty” will be selective as to whom it destroys (Re 16:14)

God is just and fair in acting to rid the earth of wicked ones, for it is the only way peace can come to those who want peace (Pr 11:8)

### **THE NEW ENVIRONMENT UNDER KINGDOM RULE WILL ELIMINATE SIN** (11 min.)

Good environment is essential to happiness, to right living on our own part (*w83* 10/1 3-4)

Environment in ancient Israel was better than in other nations because Israel had God’s Law, yet bad influence of surrounding nations affected Israelites (Le 18:24-29; De 8:19, 20; 18:9)

The Devil has used bad environment to cause men to sin

Right environment will prevail after the destruction of the present system, and the people will benefit (Isa 9:6, 7; 26:7-9)

In this system those who try to do what is right find the going very hard, but God will smooth out the way for honesthearted ones

Resurrected persons will have a fine opportunity to learn the truth

Personality weaknesses that all of us have to fight against will not be so difficult to overcome in the good environment under Christ’s Kingdom rule

Some will fail to get everlasting life (*re* 291-2; *w89* 2/15 14 ¶23)

Jesus himself pointed this out (Read Matthew 12:31, 32)

Some of the Pharisees were an example of people who would not repent (Mt 12:22-30)

Christians must watch that they do not fall into sin against the holy spirit (Heb 10:26, 27)

A Christian will avoid association with those professing to be Christian brothers but who appear to be sinning deliberately and without any signs of repentance

God, through Christ, is the Judge of such persons; therefore, only he, and not we, can determine if a person has blasphemed against the holy spirit (*w80* 12/1 23 ¶8)

Such blasphemers will suffer “the second death,” permanent extinction, so that they will no longer be able to reproach God or trouble their fellowmen (Re 20:14, 15)

### **LIFE DOES HAVE A PURPOSE FOR THOSE SERVING GOD** (4 min.)

We are the result of God’s creation, not the product of mindless evolutionary chance

In the image of God, we think and reason, come to understand God’s purpose

We have purpose because we make God’s purpose our purpose in life

A part of his purpose is to make this earth into a paradise

We can very much be a part of that (*Zep* 2:2, 3; *g89* 2/8 27)

Another significant part of Jehovah’s purpose is to vindicate his sovereignty

We are very much a part of that (Pr 27:11)

Therefore, we do make a difference, either for or against God’s sovereignty

We know where we are going if we are faithful

It is not necessary that we become one more statistic in the aeons of time

We can live forever because that is God’s purpose

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read)