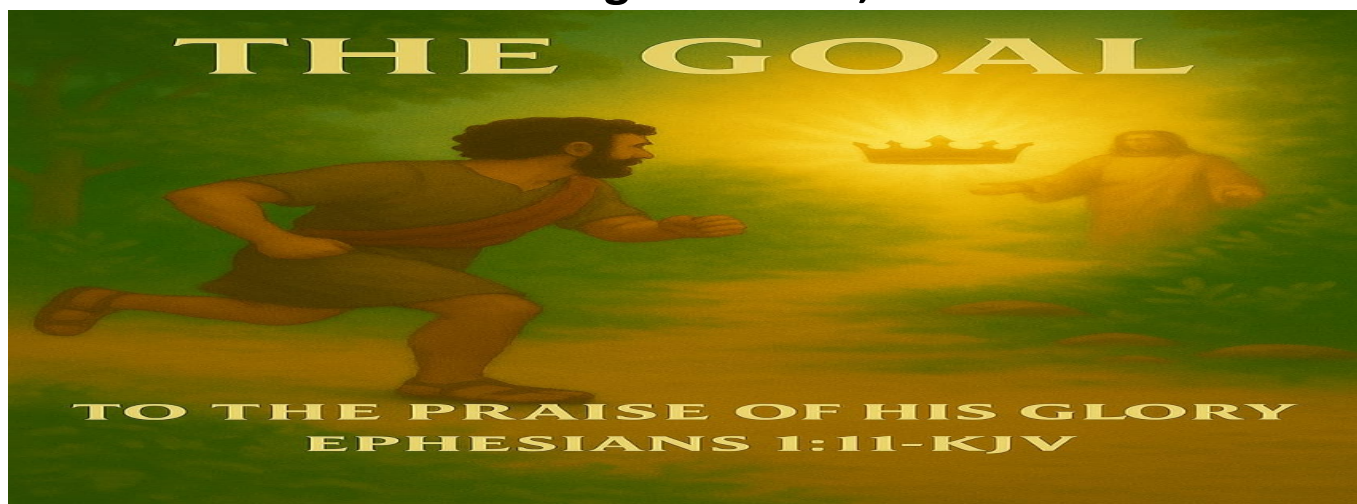


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"as a plan for the fullness of time, to bring all things in heaven and on earth together in Christ. In Him we were also chosen as God's own, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything by the counsel of His will," Ephesians 1:10-11 (BSB).

We have examined two instalments of God's command to ***grow in Grace and in Knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ***. This week we will pause to ask the question, ***'for what purpose?' What Is The Ultimate Purpose Of This Command?*** As some of us would have come to know in their walk with God, He, ***God is not flippant or trite. God also does not waste resources*** even though He made the whole universe and can bring to being things which do not exist in the physical if He chooses to do so. In short, ***the Almighty God is PURPOSEFUL***. And because of this quality of the Almighty God, which I believe He has given to human beings, His Masterpiece, ***human beings are also very concerned about PURPOSE***. But due to the Fall and the Corruption that followed, ***the search for purpose and meaning has led human beings into error – error of searching in the wrong places, and as a result have found fake and false things and thoughts for purpose and meaning. And as human beings pursue what is fake and false, they have gone further and further away from the Almighty God, and on the road to Hell, from which they will be transferred to the Lake of Fire! But this is the work of satan the First Rebel and Deceiver and Liar.***

When Adam, persuaded by Eve gave their loyalty to satan instead of God their Creator and the One who sustains them, there was a complete reversal and contamination of the plan of God. Human beings immediately became foolish, as exemplified by Adam and Eve using leaves from the trees for clothing. But such provision is so temporal that not only can it not withstand the elements, but it also cannot last. This is what satan the deceiver could provide for human beings, and ***this represents the purpose that human beings have continued to pursue since the Fall – temporary things without eternal value***. They do this with great zeal because added to the fact that they now operate with darkened and foolish minds, they are blinded to the folly of their pursuit. Consequently, millions, if not billions have zealously marched their way into Hell, waiting for their transfer to the Lake of Fire. Unfortunately, many are still on this track that leads to Hell, because the track is laid with the different attractions of the world. And sadly, some of those who call themselves Christians are on this track too. They make real Jesus' statement that the way to Hell is easy and broad, and there are many on this track. Therefore, He challenges people to make efforts to enter the narrow and not so desirable track that leads to Heaven and Eternity of Bliss with God the Creator and Supreme Deity of the universe.

But let me tell or remind you that you do not have to continue on this path that leads to Hell! Yes, you should pursue purpose, but not the wrong one. The right purpose, which was in the mind of the Almighty God is that you WILL RETURN TO HIM AND LIVE WITH HIM ETERNALLY. WHERE GOD IS, IS HEAVEN. ***"And He has made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to bring all things in heaven and on earth together in Christ. ... you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the pledge of our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession, to the praise of His glory."*** (to be continued)

Have a Blessed, God-Centred and Victorious Week.

Further & Daily Readings: Ephesians 1:9-14; 2Peter 3:17-18; Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:22-30; John 8:40-44; 10:10a; Romans 1:21-23; 10:1-4; 2Corinthians 4:3-4; 1John 2:15-17; Jeremiah 2:7-8, 10-13; Genesis 3:4-8, 16-24.

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