

**God's Divine Purpose for our Lives
Revelation, Habitation, Proclamation**

Luke 17:11–19 (NKJV)

¹¹Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

¹²Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

- *The Bible uses leprosy as a symbol of sin.*
- *Leprosy is an affliction of the flesh and it results in being separated socially.*
- *Sin is an affliction of our sinful fleshly nature and it has separated us not only from one another but also from God.*

¹³And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

- *For us to receive salvation and deliverance we must acknowledge a number of things:*
- *Our helpless state and inability to save ourselves.*
- *God's mercy and His willingness and ability to help us.*
- *Our willingness to humble ourselves and cry out to Him for help.*
- *In our desperation if we will call out to God He will hear and He will answer.*

¹⁴So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

- *Jesus had the men make a step of faith.*
- *According to the Law, a person who had been cured of leprosy would go to the priest and show himself to the priest so that the priest would declare him “clean”.*
- *Make a step of faith and put your trust fully in God.*

¹⁵And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,

¹⁶and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

- *All ten along the way were healed from their leprosy.*
- *However, only one fully responded to the grace of God:*
- *He returned – his attention was fully on Jesus*
- *With a loud voice glorified God – he didn't hold back his exuberance for what God had done.*
- *Fell down and worshipped Jesus – he totally surrendered his life to Christ*
- *Gave thanks – he fully appreciated what Jesus had done for him and he did not take it for granted.*
- *How have we responded to our wonderful salvation and to the many answers to prayer?*
- *Until we develop the attitude of thanksgiving and worship we will never come to a place of contentment and satisfaction.*

¹⁷So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the

nine?

¹⁸Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

- *All ten were cleansed but only one returned to give glory to God.*
- *It was only the Samaritan, the foreigner, who returned to give glory to God.*
- *The Jews took for granted that they were God's people.*
- *The Samaritan had no hope or relationship with God.*
- *We miss out on so much God has for us when we take for granted our salvation.*

¹⁹And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:19 (KJV)

¹⁹And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Luke 17:19 (YLT)

¹⁹and he said to him, 'Having risen, be going on, thy faith hath saved thee.'

- *All ten had an experience with God but only one of them did something with that experience.*
- *The nine were content with the little they had received. They were only receiving God's provision for their bodies but they were not interested in God's provision for their souls.*
- *The faith of the ten had allowed them to receive the healing for their bodies but the faith of the Samaritan had allowed him to receive healing for his soul.*
- *The Samaritan was made whole.*
- *The Samaritan was able to experience all that Christ was offering.*
- *The Samaritan leper, who had no Biblical training, was able to walk in God's will.*
- *He simply responded with an openhearted faith that was motivated by thanksgiving.*
- *God has 3 Purposes for the Church and for our lives.*
- *Revelation, Habituation, Proclamation*
- *Everything we do can be found in one of these three categories.*

Revelation 1:5-6 (NKJV)

5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- *The Faithful Witness – Christ fulfilled the will of the Father.*
- *The firstborn from the dead – Christ overcame and is Victor.*
- *Ruler over the kings of the earth – There is no other King and no other authority.*
- *To Him who loved us – This gives us our sense of true value and purpose.*
- *He washed us from our sins in His own blood – This has made us acceptable and pleasing to God.*

- *He has made us kings and priest to His God and Father – this is our calling and responsibility.*
- *To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen – This is our goal – to glorify God.*
- *What were the main duties of the priests?*

1. Worship and Prayer - Revelation

2. Ministered in the tabernacle - Habitation

3. Ministry to the others - proclamation

- *Revelation is the receiving of the message.*
- *Habitation is the experiencing of the message.*
- *Proclamation is the sharing of the message.*

Hebrews 11:4-7 (NKJV)

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

- *Abel pictures revelation.*
- *How was Abel to give a more excellent sacrifice than Cain?*
- *He had the revelation of the Lamb of God.*

5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- *Enoch pictures habitation.*
- *Enoch in the Hebrew means “dedicated”*

Genesis 5:24 (KJV)

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him.

- *And Enoch walketh habitually with God, and he is not, for God hath taken him. (YLT)*
- *And Enoch lived close to God, and then he disappeared. (Moffat)*
- *Habitation is walking with God.*

7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

- *Noah is a picture of proclamation.*
- *These three components of revelation, habitation and proclamation are not only key for us to having lives that are fulfilling but are also key for us to receive healing and freedom.*
- *Without revelation we lack vision.*
- *Without habitation we lack character.*

- *Without proclamation we lack purpose.*

Proverbs 29:18 (NKJV)

18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law.

- *How can we walk in the reality of these three: revelation, habitation, and proclamation?*

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NKJV)

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- *These three eternal elements are a key for us to experience revelation, habitation and proclamation.*
- *Faith relates to revelation.*
- *Hope relates to habitation.*
- *Love relates to proclamation.*
- *Faith enables us to walk in revelation.*
- *Many times Christians will say, "I just don't get anything from God."*
- *The key is exercising our faith and know that God is hearing us and is also speaking to us.*
- *Pray believing that your prayers count.*
- *Worship and give thanks knowing God is hearing you and rejoicing in you.*
- *Don't wait for an experience to confirm that God is hearing you but move in faith.*
- *Take note of things that come into your mind as you are praying.*
- *Write down thoughts that come to you that may be from the Lord.*
- *Don't worry about being wrong and don't be dogmatic that you are always right.*

1 Thessalonians 5:20–21 (NKJV)

²⁰Do not despise prophecies.

²¹Test all things; hold fast what is good.

- *"Do not despise prophecies" - Don't be skeptical that God can speak to you.*
- *"Test all things; hold fast what is good" -Don't be gullible by thinking that every thought is God speaking to you.*
- *Read the Bible with faith knowing this is God's Word.*
- *When you read the Bible ask God to reveal His Word by His Holy Spirit.*
- *Write down thoughts that touch you as you read the Bible.*

Psalms 62:11 (NKJV)

¹¹God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.

Psalms 1:2 (NKJV)

²But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

- *Seek to understand the Word of God.*

- *Spend time sitting quietly and ponder the Word of God.*
- *Don't rush through reading the Bible but learn to enjoy it and look for those little nuggets that God is giving.*
- *Today one part of a verse may speak to you and maybe next week another part of the same verse will speak to you.*
- *Let God's Word become our delight.*
- *Hope enables us to walk in habitation.*

John 15:9–11 (NKJV)

⁹**“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.**

- *Abide in God's love for you.*

¹⁰**If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.**

- *Abide in doing the Father's will.*

¹¹**“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.**

- *Abide in God's joy.*
- *Enjoy the Lord and enjoy His presence.*

Ephesians 5:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹**speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,**

- *Let our hearts ring with the melody of God's goodness in our hearts.*

Ephesians 5:20 (NKJV)

²⁰**giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

- *Let our hearts ring with a melody of thanksgiving.*
- *This will make the day sweet even when we encounter difficult circumstance.*
- *HABITATION – just be happy and enjoy the Lord.*
- *Be happy don't worry!*
- *Love enables us to walk in Proclamation*
- *Some Christians get stressed out because they don't know how to fulfill the great commission.*
- *Other Christians are so pre-occupied with themselves they are totally disinterested in sharing the gospel message of God's salvation.*
- *Love is the key for us having lives that fulfill the calling of Proclamation.*
- *We need to have a love for those around us so that we will be willing to step out of our comfort zone and share our faith.*
- *The message of the Gospel can only be effectively delivered by a messenger that presents it with love.*

Luke 8:38–39 (NKJV)

³⁸Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

³⁹“Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

- “tell what great things God has done for you” – *This is the power and simplistic of the Gospel message.*
- *When people see the reality of the love of God in us they will be touched.*
- *They will see the reality of God’s love and how it has changed us.*
- *They will see the reality of our love for God.*
- *They will see the reality of God’s love through us for them.*

Mark 16:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

- *What is the greatest purpose we can have in this life?*
- *To share Christ.*
- *Everything else we accomplish will have limited and temporal results but leading a person to Christ will impact eternity.*