

# Why Was I Created?



# BECAUSE...

## Lesson 2

**Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

**Online Bible Study**

**6:30 pm**

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## I. A FEW REALIZATIONS FROM LAST WEEK'S LESSON

- A. This is not an easy, simple, or quick topic to deal with. To address this subject correctly, it is going to take:



### Do you have the time? Are you willing to study?

- B. We need to correctly frame our approach to this study. This is, “Why Was I Created?” from *God’s perspective*, not from *our* perspective. Most of us either don’t know why we were created, don’t care why we were created, or don’t know how to find out why we were created.
- C. This is a spiritual journey.

<sup>6</sup>We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup>No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love him—<sup>10</sup>these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. *The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.* <sup>11</sup>*For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.* <sup>12</sup>What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup>This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. <sup>14</sup>The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. <sup>15</sup>The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, <sup>16</sup>for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

1. Why this makes a difference.
  2. Acknowledge the many external (“worldly”) influences on our perspective
- D. This study is moving us to answer the question, “What is your answer to my *“Why?”*”
1. Homework/Journaling – Start jotting down why you think you were created. As we learn more, monitor how and if your answer changes.

## II. QUICK REVIEW OF LAST WEEK’S INFORMATION

- A. The biblical origin of human life
1. God did it!
  2. We were created to oversee, manage, and care for (“rule”) over what God had previously created.
  3. We were not created *so that we would have* suitable companionship, but God determined that our existence *requires* suitable companionship.
    - a. So what about people who are or choose to be single, widows/widowers?
    - b. *“Not good”* to be alone, but there is nothing *wrong* with being alone.
      - i. Know the difference between being alone and being lonely.
- B. Lessons
1. We were created *by* God.
  2. We were created *for* God.
  3. We were *not* created to be alone.

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**SINCE WE (HUMAN BEINGS) WERE CREATED BY GOD, IT WOULD MAKE SENSE FOR US TO KNOW WHY. PART OF THE WHY REQUIRES THAT WE LOOK AT GOD/JESUS’ WILL.**

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## III. WHAT WAS GOD’S/JESUS’ WILL FOR GOD’S PEOPLE?

### **Jesus’ will was God’s will for him.**

<sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. <sup>40</sup> For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.” – **John 6:38-40**

“The [will of God](#) includes everything that God desires or wishes to happen in heaven and on earth.” – Like The Master Ministries

**“What is pleasing and agreeable to God”**

“And what does the LORD require of you?” – Micah 6:8b

<sup>10</sup> Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. – **Psalm 143:10**

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. – **Proverbs 3:5-6**

<sup>11</sup> 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. – **Jeremiah 29:11**

<sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. – **Matthew 6:9-10**

<sup>14</sup> Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. <sup>15</sup> The Jews there were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having been taught?” <sup>16</sup> Jesus answered, “My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. <sup>17</sup> Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. – **John 7:14-17**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. – **Romans 12:1-2**

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. – **Ephesians 5:15-17**

<sup>3</sup> It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, <sup>5</sup> not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.<sup>[b]</sup> The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. <sup>7</sup> For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit. – **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8**

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. – **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> **who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.** – **1 Timothy 2:1-3**

<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. <sup>17</sup> Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. – **1 Peter 2:13-17**

<sup>8</sup> But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. – **2 Peter 3:8-9**

<sup>36</sup> You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. <sup>37</sup> For, "In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay." <sup>38</sup> And, "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back." – **Hebrews 10:36-38**

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. – **Hebrews 13:20-21**

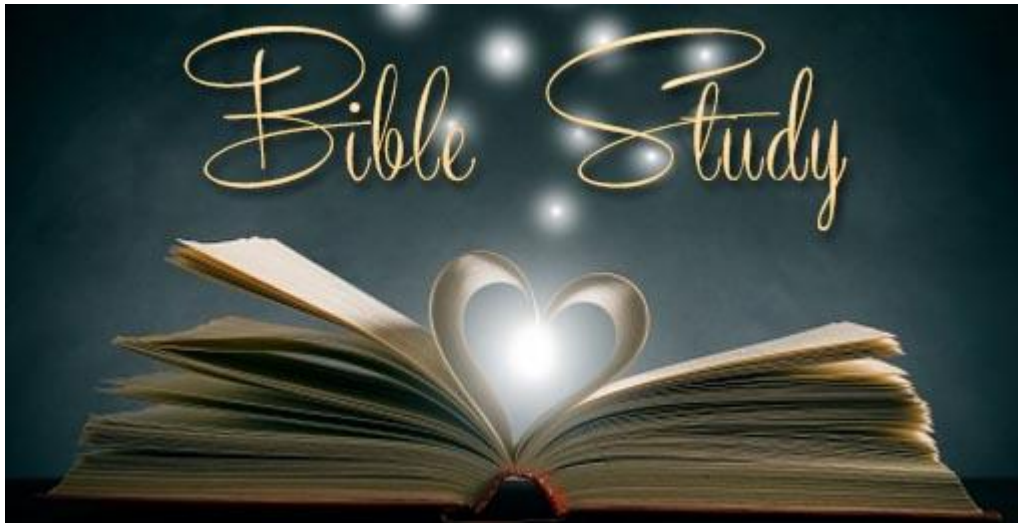
<sup>13</sup> Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." <sup>14</sup> Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them. – **James 4:13-17**



**V. NEXT WEEK**

1. Invite one person to Bible Study with you, preferably someone who is unchurched and unsaved.
2. We will continue looking at this subject.

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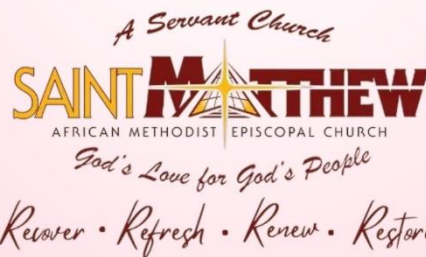
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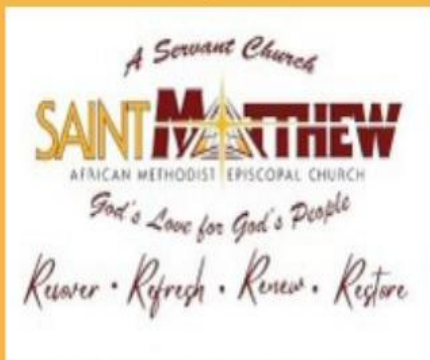
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