

WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

*"Why did I ever come out of the womb to see trouble and sorrow
and to end my days in shame?" (Jeremiah 20:18)*

Life's three greatest questions . . .

I. Question of existence: Why am I _____?

Proverbs 16:4 (GW) — "The Lord has made everything for His own purpose."

A. Won't find purpose looking _____.

B. I was created to be _____ by God.

Ephesians 1:4 (Msg) — "Long before He laid down the earth's foundation, He had us in His mind and settled on us as the focus of His love to be made whole and holy by His love."

II. Question of significance: Does life _____?

Isaiah 49:4a (NLT) — "My work all seems so useless. I've spent my strength for nothing and for no purpose at all."

A. You matter to _____.

Isaiah 44:2 (CEV) — "I am your Creator. You were in My care, even before you were born."

Romans 5:8 — "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

B. I was made to last _____.

Psalms 33:11 (GN) — "His plans endure forever; His purposes last eternally."

2 Corinthians 5:1 — "Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands."

III. Question of intention: What is my _____?

Psalms 89:47 (NCV) — David asked, "Why did you create us? For nothing?"

A. Purpose comes from your _____.

Colossians 1:16 — "For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible . . . everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him."

B. I find my purpose by getting _____ God.

Ephesians 1:11 (Msg) — "It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for . . . part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone."

IV. A _____ to commit to *Forty Days of Purpose*.

A. Commit to three aspects:

1. Hear all seven _____.

2. Join a _____ today!

3. Read _____ devotional daily.

Acts 10:35 (Msg) — "It makes no difference who you are or where you're from — if you want God and are ready to as He says, the door is open."