

WHY AM I HERE?

My life is no longer than the width of my hand. An entire lifetime is just a moment to you; human existence is but a breath.

Psalm 39:5 (NLT)

❖ LIFE'S THREE GREATEST QUESTIONS:

1. The Question of EXISTENCE – Why am I here?

Why was I born? Was it only to have trouble and sorrow, to end my life in disgrace?

Jeremiah 20:18 (TEV)

2. The Question of SIGNIFICANCE – Does my life really matter?

How do you know what will happen tomorrow? For your life is like the morning fog— it's here a little while, then it's gone.

James 4:14 (NLT)

3. The Question of INTENTION – What is my purpose?

"My work all seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose at all..."

Isaiah 49:4a (NLT)

❖ THE WORLD'S ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS:

1. BE more.

But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless. It was like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.

Ecclesiastes 2:11 (NLT)

2. GET more.

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)

3. DO more.

I thought in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good." But that also proved to be meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 2:1 (NIV)

❖ GOD ANSWERS LIFE'S GREATEST QUESTIONS:

For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:16-17 (NKJV)

1. Why am I here? – I was created to be LOVED by GOD.

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.

Ephesians 1:4 (MSG)

➤ Key Truth: God loves you and wants what is BEST for you.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

2. Does my life really matter? – I was made to LAST FOREVER.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..."

Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

➤ Key Truth: God's love for us is not just on earth, He wants to love us ETERNALLY.

For we know that when this tent we live in—our body here on earth—is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever.

2 Corinthians 5:1 (TEV)

3. What is my purpose? – I find my purpose by KNOWING GOD.

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.

Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

➤ Key Truth: I find my purpose as I discover what God MADE me for.

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

Ephesians 1:11 (MSG)

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)