

What's the Big Idea?: Glorify God and Enjoy Him Forever

Psalm 16: 5-11

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Introduction:

- **Our roots are in British philosophy and politics**
 - **John Locke, political philosopher had enormous influence on Jefferson**
- **The Presbyterian Church has its root deeply embedded in Great Britain**
- **Charles I King of England in mid 17th century**
- **Rift between Charles and Parliament**
 - **Charles believed in rule by divine right, which meant he did not go to parliament to act. He imposed his own will on people without regard to his parliament including taxes.**
 - **Tyranny is the natural bent of the human heart and must be checked**
- **Assembly for all over England and Wales called for**
 - **120 Brits plus a handful of Scottish pastors**
 - **Charles I forbade it but was deposed and ultimately executed for treason**
 - **Assembly met in Westminster Abbey – thus Westminster Confession of Faith; Larger and Shorter Catechisms (FAQs)**

I. What is the chief and highest end of man?

- a. **Other ends but one chief end**
- b. **“Unless you start with God, the question of life’s purpose is meaningless.” – Bertrand Russell – noted and self described atheist**
- c. **The easiest way to find the purpose of something is to consult with its creator**
- d. **Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.**

II. What is it to glorify God?

- a. **At least four things**
- b. **Appreciation: To glorify God is to set God highest in our thoughts**
- c. **Adoration: Glorifying God consists in worship – the highest good in this life.**
- d. **Affection: God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him**
- e. **Subjection: This is when we dedicate ourselves to God and stand ready to serve Him.**

III. Take Away

- a. **The Bad news – all under sin or unfaithfulness to God**
- b. **The Worse news – Our sin causes us to be separated from God**
- c. **The Worst news – there is nothing that we can do about it**
- d. **The Good news – Jesus came as our substitute absorbing the wrath of God – but we must repent and believe**

Other Relevant Verses (Quotes)

“What is the chief and highest end of man?

Man’s chief and highest end is to glorify God and fully enjoy Him forever.”
Westminster Larger Catechism

“Unless you assume a God the question of life’s purpose is meaningless.”
– Bertrand Russell

Colossians 1: 16 – “For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him.”

Colossians 1: 16 – “Everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.”
The Message

“To find your purpose you must begin with God’s Word and not the world’s wisdom.”
Rick Warren

Psalm 16: 8,9 – “I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my glory (whole being) rejoices. My flesh also dwells secure.”

Psalm 92: 8 – “Thou, Lord are on high forever!”

Psalm 97: 9 – “You are exalted far above all gods.”

“There is in God all that may draw forth both wonder and delight, there is a constellation of all beauties. He is the first cause who sheds glory upon the creature.”
Thomas Watson

Psalm 29: 2 – “Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness.”

Deuteronomy 6: 5 – “Thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul.”

John 17: 4 – I glorified You on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.”

Romans 3: 10 – “There is none righteous, not even one.”

Galatians 2: 21 – “If righteousness were through good deeds then Christ died for nothing.”