

LIFE DOES HAVE A PURPOSE

Note to the speaker:

Help those who may be skeptical of our Creator's existence to reason on the evidence pointing to a purposeful Designer. Motivate the audience to align their lives with God's purposes

WE WANT TO KNOW IF LIFE HAS A PURPOSE (2 min.)

Compared to the vastness and age of the universe, our lives may seem insignificant (*w15* 6/1 5; *w14* 5/15 22 ¶3)

The Bible writer David had similar thoughts (Ps 8:3, 4)

As we contemplate the wonders of life, we understandably want to know whether life has a purpose

Why are we here? Do our lives matter?

WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR THE EARTH? (8 min.)

Our existence is not the result of blind chance; there is a Creator [**Read Isaiah 40:26, 28**]

When we examine Jehovah God's creation, we see evidence of purposeful design

Our solar system and the earth are precisely located to support life (*lc* 4-7)

The earth's natural cycles are designed to renew the environment (*lc* 8-9)

Jehovah created the earth to be a beautiful, permanent home for mankind [**Read Isaiah 45:18**] (Ps 115:16)

God will not allow the earth to be destroyed by man or by a natural disaster (Ps 104:5; *g* 12/14 15)

WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MANKIND? (14 min.)

The marvelous design of the human body indicates that we were created for a purpose (*g* 2/10 23-25)

Unlike the animal creation, humans are capable of knowing and worshipping their Creator

Humans were created in God's image and were thus endowed with unique qualities [**Read Genesis 1:27**]
(*g* 5/13 15)

God purposed for humans to live forever on the earth (*w06* 2/15 16 ¶3)

Jehovah placed the first humans in a beautiful paradise, the garden of Eden; he assigned them to care for the earth, populate it, and extend the Paradise [**Read Genesis 1:28**]

Jehovah intended for Adam and Eve to enjoy a loving, personal relationship with him (*w01* 7/1 7 ¶1)

Adam and Eve had everlasting life before them, as long as they chose to obey God (Ge 2:15-17)

Why is the earth not a paradise now?

God gave humans the gift of free will, but Adam and Eve misused that gift (Ge 3:6)

Adam failed to cultivate love for God (*w08* 10/1 27)

As a result of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were expelled from Eden, and they eventually died (Ge 3:23; 5:5)

All of Adam's children inherited imperfection and death (Ro 5:12)

God, who is almighty and cannot lie, illustrated that his purpose cannot fail, by using natural cycles that he had created [**Read Isaiah 55:10, 11**]

Soon he will remove wickedness and restore the earth and obedient mankind (Ps 37:10, 11, 29; Re 21:3, 4)

God will "bring to ruin those ruining the earth" (Re 11:18)

GOD'S PURPOSE CAN GIVE MEANING TO YOUR LIFE (6 min.)

People engage in a wide variety of pursuits in an effort to find meaning in life

Those who pursue pleasure, wealth, or fame usually find themselves disappointed (Ec 2:1-11)

Your life will truly have purpose if you choose to live it in harmony with Jehovah God's purposes

Despite being a descendant of Adam, you can enjoy a good relationship with God (Jas 2:23; 4:8)

Choose to use your free will wisely by obeying God and doing his will [**Read Ecclesiastes 12:13**]

By doing so, you will find meaning and satisfaction in life (*w11* 11/1 21)

When God fulfills his original purpose for the earth and mankind, you will be able to enjoy a purposeful life forever (Ps 37:34)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]