

Trusting in the Goodness of God

God's Goodness Displayed in Provision

Genesis 2:4-25

God's Provision of Purpose

Genesis 2:15-16

God created you for the singular purpose of worshipping Him.

1. **Worship involves actively _____ God.**
 - a. Adam was to worship God by cultivating the garden for Him.
 - b. You worship God by cultivating your _____ for Him.
2. **Worship involves actively _____ the things of God.**
 - a. Adam was to worship God by _____ what God entrusted to him.
 - b. You worship God by guarding what God _____ to you.
3. **Worship involves actively _____ God.**
 - a. Adam was to worship God by obeying His commands.
 - b. You worship God by obeying His commands.

Questions for Discussion

- What do you think of when you hear the word “worship”? What do you think drives how our culture understands that word today?
- Read Genesis 2:15. What did God do? Why did God do this?
 - The word translated as “cultivate” is translated as “serve” or “worship” in the following verses: Exod. 3:12; 4:23; Ps. 2:11; Ps. 100:2. What might this say about Adam’s “job” in the garden?
 - The word translated as “keep” is used in the following verses: Gen. 3:24 (*guard*); 18:19; Deut. 4:2; Ps. 119:17. What might this suggest about Adam’s “job” in the garden?
 - How do the ideas above help shape our understanding of what it means to worship God? How does this differ from how we typically use that word?
- Worshipping God involves laboring to bring about a flourishing in our world. Discuss ways that you can help cultivate a flourishing of life in your world? In which of these ways do you need to grow?
- “Keeping” involves guarding the message God entrusted to us. Discuss ways that you can actively work to guard the gospel against distortion? In which of these ways do you need to grow?
- Worship implies a love for God that leads us to obey Him. Why is obedience a product of love? What are some practical things you can do to grow in your love for God?
- You were created for the purpose of worship. Discuss some ways that you can identify who or what you are worshipping? What are some steps you can take to grow in your worship of God?



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Fulfilling Your Purpose of Worship

*Worship involves actively
serving God.*

Worship as Active Service

Adam was to worship God by cultivating the garden for Him.

Genesis 2:15

“Then the LORD God took the man
and put him into the garden of Eden
to cultivate it and keep it.”

*Cultivation involved work associated
with a garden, but Adam’s labor was
ultimately a form of worship to God.*

Adam's purpose was to bring about a flourishing of life in the garden as a reflection of God's life-giving character.

Worship as Active Service

Adam was to worship God by cultivating the garden for Him.

**You worship God by cultivating
your world for Him.**

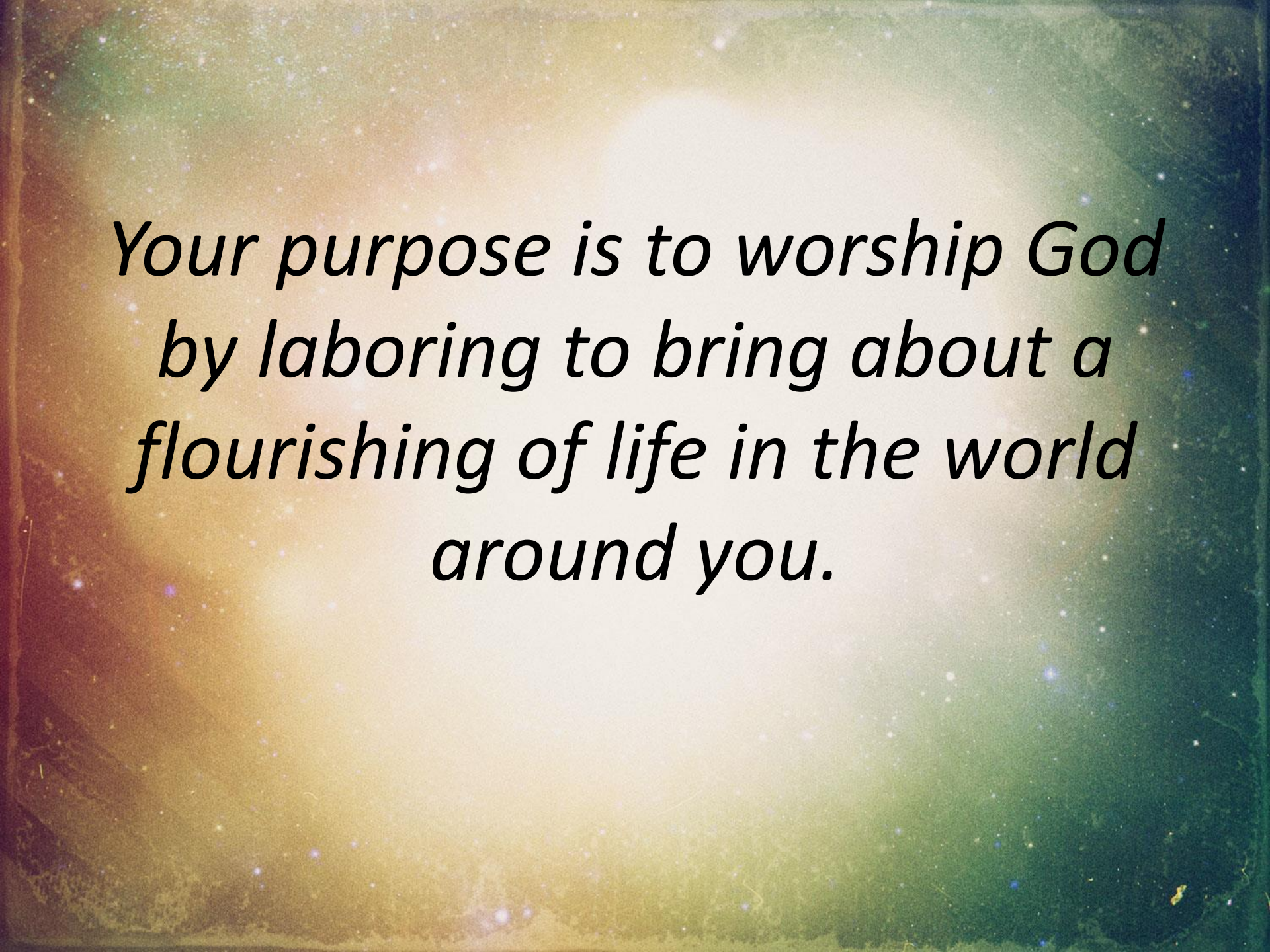
The LORD God has taken you out of Satan's world and has put you into His beloved Son's vineyard to cultivate it.

Colossians 1:13

“For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Matthew 20:1

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.”



*Your purpose is to worship God
by laboring to bring about a
flourishing of life in the world
around you.*

5 Ways to bring a flourishing of life to your world

Let the gospel flourish in you first.

Get connected to the people around you.

Listen, learn, seek for understanding.

Find ways to knead the gospel into
your relationships.

Live the gospel wherever you go.

Fulfilling Your Purpose of Worship

Worship involves actively serving God.

*Worship involves actively
guarding the things of God.*

Worship as active guardianship

Adam was to worship God by guarding what God entrusted to him.

Genesis 2:15

“Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and **keep it.**”

“Keeping” something involved watching over it in a protective manner, guarding it.

Genesis 3:24

“So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim, and the flaming sword which turned every direction, to **guard** the way to the tree of life.”

*God entrusted the garden to Adam,
and Adam was to worship God
by watching over it for its
care and protection.*

Worship as active guardianship

Adam would worship God by guarding what God entrusted to him.

**You worship God by guarding what
God has entrusted to you.**

What has God entrusted to you?

1 Timothy 6:17-21

V. 20 “O Timothy, **guard** what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called ‘knowledge.’”

2 Timothy 1:14

“**Guard**, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.”

God has entrusted the message of life to you, and you worship Him by committing yourself to guarding it against distortion.

5 Ways you can guard the message entrusted to you

Admit your vulnerability to deception.

Devote yourself to God's word.

Be part of a faithful, gospel community.

Practice a holy caution.

Carefully manage your media.

Fulfilling Your Purpose of Worship

Worship involves actively serving God.

Worship involves actively guarding the things of God.

*Worship involves actively
obeying God.*

Worship as Obedience

Adam was to worship God by obeying His commands.

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Both ideas of cultivating and keeping involve worshipful obedience.

Exodus 8:1

“Then the LORD said to Moses,
"Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD,
"Let My people go, that they may **serve** Me.”

Deuteronomy 4:2

“You shall not add to the word which I am
commanding you, nor take away from it,
that you may **keep** the commandments of
the LORD your God which I command you.”

Worship as Obedience

Adam was to worship God by obeying His commands.

**You worship God by
obeying His commands.**

John 14:15

“If you love Me, you will keep
My commandments.”

Matthew 22:37

“You shall love the LORD your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”



*Love is at the heart of worship,
and love leads to obedience.*

Because you were created for the singular purpose of worship, you are always worshipping someone or something.

**Who or what are you
worshipping?**