

Enjoy God's Grace • Extend God's Glory

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Big idea: God graciously sustains His people so they can honor Him and make His glory known.

Introduction | What is the purpose of life?

The Westminster Shorter Catechism: “Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.”

Engage Global motto: “We exist to enjoy God’s grace and extend God’s glory.”

I. Daniel enjoyed God’s grace (1:9, 14–20)

- Favor and compassion before the chief official (v. 9)
- Permission for the ten-day test (vv. 14–16)
- God-given knowledge, skill, and understanding (v. 17)
- Recognition by the king (vv. 18–20)

Personal reflection: What gifts and mercies of God do I need to recognize with gratitude?

II. Daniel responded to God’s grace (1:8, 10–13)

- A settled conviction to honor God (v. 8)
- Respectful conduct and concern for others (vv. 10–13)

Romans 12:1–2: In view of God’s mercies, offer your life to Him; resist conformity and be transformed.

Personal reflection: Where do I need godly conviction and gracious conduct?

III. Daniel extended God's glory to the nations (1:21)

Daniel remained a faithful witness through changing kingdoms. The book of Daniel shows rulers encountering the greatness of Israel's God (Dan. 2:47; 4:34–37; 6:25–27).

God's global purpose throughout Scripture

PURPOSE | Genesis 1:28 — God's design for humanity to fill the earth.

PROBLEM | Genesis 11:4, 8–9 — Humanity sought its own name.

PROMISE | Genesis 12:1–3 — Blessing for all the families of the earth.

PLAN | Luke 24:44–47 — Christ's work and proclamation to the nations.

PEOPLES | Revelation 7:9–10 — Worshipers from every nation before God's throne.

How will I extend God's glory?

- Rehearse the Bible's storyline: Purpose • Problem • Promise • Plan • Peoples.
- Build a friendship or begin a conversation across cultures.
- Reach out to a neighbor or coworker with hospitality and gospel hope.
- Pray for unreached peoples (joshuaproject.net).

Reflection and response

1. Who has God placed near me whom I could love and engage this week?

2. What one specific action will I take, and when?

3. What do my convictions, conduct, and conversations communicate about God?

Take-home challenge

Determine to honor God through your convictions, conduct, and conversations wherever He has placed you.

Prayer: "Lord, help me recognize Your grace, respond in obedience, and make Your glory known."