"GOD IS OUR PURPOSE" DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is our *Purpose*. He is the One Who is our goal and our intended outcome, the very reason for which we exist.

It comes from our Prayer Verse: Ephesians 1:11-12 "In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him Who works out everything in conformity with the *purpose of His will*, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory."

Our encouragement from this comes from knowing that each of us have a purpose that we were created for in this world. We were all chosen by God to be born in this time in history with a specific plan in accordance with God's purpose for all of us that He works out in His due time. His plan, His *purpose* and His will is going to prevail no matter what the enemy tries to do to us, and all will eventually bring glory to His name. God's very purpose for each of us is far beyond what we will know or may ever understand but in the end will have an eternal outcome if we will but look to Him for our purpose. He chose to have us born in this time in history for the glory of His name, that it will be proclaimed throughout all of our lives. He is the very reason we exist, not by human effort, but by His divine power. God's providence orders each of us into existence, giving us our personalities (some strong, some not so strong) to face the things we will face in our lives as we come against the enemy. In our strengths, with God's power and presence, we will overcome. In our weaknesses, with God's power and presence, we will overcome. It is all about God! He is our purpose! He is our goal and our intended outcome, if we would but look to Him and recognize that He is our All in All. When He becomes our All in All, we will have true peace and an eternal *purpose* that will last a lifetime and into eternity with Him when He calls us home to be with Him. We must remember that even when the enemy tries to tell us lies by hurting us and saying it is God, we must remember that he is a liar and God will use what the enemy is trying to do for evil and turn it to good if we lean into Him and He will ultimately fulfill His *purpose* in our lives even in those situations. Let us pray that we will all humble our hearts before His throne and His loving gift of His Son and seek His wisdom, guidance and power in our lives as we walk this life of *purpose* with Him. Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being our *Purpose*! Lord, we ask that You will help me and...

(names of those you are praying for)

know that You chose us, that You predestined us according to Your plan that You are working out to conform with the *purpose* of Your will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ [and we pray for those who haven't done this yet will], might be the praise of Your glory. Lord, we believe You desire to do this for us for it is in Your Word. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Thank-you for loving us with an everlasting love and may it all be for the glory of Your name. In Your loving Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen.".