

*"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him." Ephesians 3:9-12 KJV*



Remember childhood when some undertaking totally absorbed all your focus? Mom would call for dinner and you couldn't bear to tear yourself away! A good book, a model you were building, a scrapbook page, or some kind of outdoor play became more than "your necessary meat." Men with purpose will endure the loss of almost everything to achieve it. They are the milestones of history. Their singleness of mind indelibly etched their names into its annals. Names like; Julius Caesar, Genghis Kahn, William Shakespeare, Napoleon Bonaparte, Henry VIII, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Hitler, Abraham Lincoln, and John Kennedy are just a few whose purpose overshadowed all else; some good, some evil. God is the omnipotent Sovereign of eternity who made man in His "own image." If the purpose of man drives him through loss, torture, and humiliation, what force would the "eternal purpose" of God have? Purpose is not forsaken until fruition or death. Since God cannot die, will His sovereign purpose ever be thwarted? Sidetracked? Annulled? Forsaken? "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" We are kept, provisioned, and preserved for God's own purpose in spite of our transgressions and unbelief. "For it is God which worketh in you, both to will AND to do of His good pleasure." Even the wicked are kept by God until their death, because "God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. The goodness of God draweth [men] to repentance. It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this, the Judgment!" God's Word is eternal, because He is eternal. He cannot die nor can He lie! Once spoken His utterance becomes so!

Eternal purpose from above,  
Protects us with our Father's love,  
Preserving us eternally,  
For God decided it to be! ~CGP

*"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." God has purposed judgment for sin. Do you think to escape it? "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." It is ludicrous for a man who desires apples to sow barley, but we go through life treating some as though they don't deserve our attention, yet expecting to be kindly treated ourselves. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Be ye kindly affectioned one to another; each esteeming the other better than themselves. Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ." Are we "kindly affectioned" to other believers or have we let faults magnified by Satan's whispers create bitterness in our heart? Are you perfect? We are to admit our faults one to another. "Confess your faults one to another... lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." How diligent are you to look past a brother's fault and see their need of encouragement or help?*

*"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of HIS will...Having made known unto us the mystery of His will (through His Word), according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself." Ephesians 1:5, 9 KJV*