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God, the greatest architect, is present in His creation, and He is magnified in man. Though man is the crown of all God's creation, man often forgets His role in the world. He questioned His very existence and purpose in life. Every person must believe that he is wonderfully made by God – a good reason to praise His wonderful works (Ps. 139:13-16).

God delightfully created us, for the following purposes:

1. **We are made for a reason.** When God created the world, it was perfect and good; however, it was a preparation for man. Man is the most valuable of all His creation, since he is an image of God. He wants us to have dominion over the world, for He created a life with abundant blessings. In all of these, God wants to have a relationship with us, for He is love (Isa. 46:3-4).
2. **We are not an accident.** Some parents think of their children as an accident, and others curse them in anger, but God allows their children to be born for they have a purpose in God's mind (Jer. 29:11). He made numerous plans for everyone, including all the creatures of this world. Similarly, God answers us when we seek Him (Jer. 29:12-13) and reveals His will to us. God has known us and has consecrated us (Jer. 1:5). Moreover, He has allowed us to have a relationship with His Son Jesus Christ so that we can share the Gospel with the world (Gal. 1:15-16).
3. **We are set apart.** To set apart means separated from the world for God's exclusive purpose. He predestined us and sets everything to conform to our purpose according to His will (Eph. 1:11). Our response

to this call requires our decision to cleanse ourselves, and this in turn will prepare us for God's work (2 Tim. 2:22). We will become the holy people of God, a people set apart for His works which will let the world see Jesus Christ in us.

3.1. We are set apart for a mission. Like John the Baptist, the Apostles, and the other characters in the New Testament, we are set apart for the Lord and called for the mission to prepare the way of Jesus Christ.

3.2. We are set apart for our time, talent, and treasure. We are set apart on how we are going to prioritize our resources.

3.3. We are sanctified. Moreover, we are consecrated to God and sanctified by Truth. Our life will be used exclusively for God, and we must be ready for every God's call (Jn. 17:13-19).

3.4. We are saved to serve. We bear the image of God and it includes our responsibility to save the world through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

We are made from the love of God. He created us not without a purpose, instead, as persons set out to go on a mission. He equipped us, blessed us, and sanctified us in a fatherly way that puts our foot forward-facing the world and declaring the name of Jesus Christ.

Reflection

1. What are the plans that God set you out to do?
2. What part of your life have you decided to consecrate to our Father in heaven?
3. What are the ways you have done in sharing God to other people?

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