

PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

*A Manifesto on
The Meaning of Life*



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Circle one of the words in each of the following pairs that best describes your preference, priority or practice in worship:

External	Internal	Spontaneous	Structure	Love	Obedience
Personal	Corporate	Music	Silence	Giving	Receiving
Private	Public	Prayer	Bible	Where	How
Special place	Any place	Standing	Kneeling	What	Who
Church	Home	Service	Reverence	When	Why
Lord's Day	Other days	Faith	Facts	Doing	Being
Morning	Night	Devotion	Duty	God	Man

In *Biblical Archaeology* (p. 55) Keil states that “Worship is as old as humanity. It has its roots in a necessity of the human soul as native to it as the consciousness of God itself, which impels it to testify by word and act its love and gratitude to the Author of Life and the Giver of all good.” This would be the *summum bonum*, the supreme good of humanity: to know God and enjoy Him forever.

One evidence of the deity of Jesus Christ is the fact that, in the monotheistic culture of Judaism, Jesus allowed His followers to worship him. Today, we consider what that means.

1. Read John 4:20-26, 42. Jesus discusses true worship with the Samaritan woman. As you consider this account, what would you conclude worship is? Is not? (cf. Isaiah 29:13)
2. Read Genesis 6:5-13. What was the state of humanity’s relationship with God? Noah’s?
3. Read Genesis 6:14-22; 8:20-9:3. Warren writes that Noah found favor with God in five ways:
 1. *Love Him supremely* (Genesis 6:9)
 2. *Trust Him completely* (Hebrews 11:6-7)
 3. *Obey Him wholeheartedly* (Genesis 6:22)
 4. *Praise and thank Him continually* (Genesis 8:20)
 5. *Use our abilities* (Genesis 9:1-3)

What evidence do you find of each? In what area are you most challenged by Noah’s example?

*“The Lord is pleased only with those
who worship him and trust his love”.*

Psalm 147:11