WHAT IS YOUR DESTINY AND ARE YOU FULFILLING IT?

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DEFINITION OF DESTINY

“A predetermined course of events or hidden power and agency believed to shape the future of a person or thing.”

SAUL

A calling. A choice. A destiny.

1 Samuel 9:17 | KJV

17 “And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people.”

1 Samuel 11:12-13 | KJV

12 “And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.”
13 “And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.”

1 Samuel 28:18 | KJV

18 “Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the
LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek,
therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee
this day.”
19 “Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with
thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow
shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also
shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the
Philistines.”

SAMSON

Set apart for a purpose.

Judges 13:5 | KJV

5 “For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”

CRITERIA FOR A NAZARITE

1. Given completely to God’s service

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2. Never to drink wine

CRITERIA FOR A NAZARITE

3. Never to touch a dead thing

CRITERIA FOR A NAZARITE

4. Never to cut your hair

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD MOVES IN US?

He convicts us of sin
He guides us
He comforts us
He prays with us
He teaches us

Judges 16:28 | KJV

28 “And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.”

SOLOMON

A reminder that position and purpose are not the same.

2 Chronicles 26:7 | KJV

7 “And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gurbaal, and the Mehunims.”

2 Chronicles 26:16 | KJV

16 “But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.”

Ephesians 1:10 | KJV

10 “That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:”

Ephesians 1:4-6 | KJV

4 “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:”
5 “Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,”
6 “To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”

WHAT IS YOUR DESTINY AS BELIEVERS?

1

We are to be the adopted children of GOD.

Ephesians 1:11-12 | KJV

11 “In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:”
12 “That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.”

2

NO PERSON'S IDENTITY IS MEASURED BY WORKS

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DO NOT MEASURE YOUR IDENTITY BY THE SIZE OF THE CONGREGATION

4

DESTINY DOES NOT MEAN PERSONAL FAME

5

DESTINY OCCURS IN OUR HOMES

WHAT WILL GOD ASK US ON JUDGMENT DAY?

- DID YOU GROW IN CHRIST?
- DID YOU ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO TEACH YOU TO SERVE OTHERS AND GIVE UP YOUR RIGHTS?
- WHAT WERE YOU LIKE AT HOME?
- ARE YOU FULFILLING THE DESTINY THAT I ASSIGNED YOU?
- DO YOUR CHILDREN SEE YOU AS COMPASSIONATE OR A GROUCH?
- DO PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOU SEE THE LOVE OF GOD IN YOU?

WHAT WILL BE WRITTEN ON YOUR TOMBSTONE?

“Here lies a man who missed his destiny?”

OR

Here lies a man who walked humbly before GOD.

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