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## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO OFFER? #3

*Who better knows the purpose of your life, than He who gave you life? Do you know what He has said about life's purpose? It is in the Bible.*

What is your primary goal in life? If it is your career, what if you lose your job? If it is your family, what will you do if tragedy strikes and you lose them? These things are a part of life but should not be most important to you. In order to know the purpose of life, shouldn't you ask God who designed and gives life (Genesis 1:27)?

In a book that is focused on this subject, Solomon said, *Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all*. (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Have you read the Bible to learn what God commands and why you should fear Him? Does the church you attend

remind you to read, understand, and follow the Bible above all other books and men? Not all churches do.

For example, the Mormon Church claims that the Book of Mormon is "the most correct of any book on earth... and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book" (Introduction to the Book of Mormon). Beware.

Look ONLY to the Bible to learn the purpose of your brief life. If we can help you pursuing that purpose, contact us.

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## HOW SHOULD I REACT TO OSAMA BIN LADIN'S DEATH?

Its been over a month since President Barack Obama announced that Osama bin Ladin was found and killed by American soldiers. How does God expect us to react to these events?

1. Rejoice in justice, not hatred The government is "God's minister" to kill evildoers so we can rejoice in justice (Romans 13:4). That is different than personal hatred and revenge which God forbids (Romans 12:17-21).

2. See the need for the true God and His revealed religion Osama imitated Muhammad, the founder of his religion, who also killed people whom he believed were a threat to Islam. Jesus brought a new religion in His new covenant but did not spread or protect it by physical warfare. Christians use the spiritual weapon of truth to destroy the error that exists in the minds of men (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

3. Reflect on eternity and yourself *But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death* (Revelation 21:8). Do you want to spend eternity with these people? If not, serve Jesus now (Mark 16:16)! [For a CD recording of a sermon preached on this subject, contact us with your name and address]

# SIN (1)

*Foods described as “sinfully delicious” can distract us from the main meaning of sin. You can violate your diet without serious consequence, but ANY violation of God’s law is serious.*

“Sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4). Any violation of God’s law qualifies as sin. We are not born with sin—it is something we choose to do. When we sin, we are spiritually separated from God. He will not hear us for we have rejected Him (Isaiah 59:1-2).

One way we sin is by doing what God has forbidden. God is wiser than man, so His way is best (Jeremiah 10:23). Here are examples of this kind of sin--

1. ... *forsaking the assembling of ourselves together* (Hebrews 10:25). How often do you forsake the assembly that meets to worship God?

2. *Sexual immorality* Last month, the Presbyterian Church (USA) decided that their leaders do not have to remain celibate if unmarried and may practice homosexuality. Jesus forbade all fornication (which includes “premarital relations” and homosexuality; Mark. 7:21-23).

3. Some religious groups have women publically teaching men (such as Joyce Meyer, Beth Moore, etc.). Read 1 Timothy 2:11-13.

- Do you know of other examples? Send them to David Halbrook at our email address or one of the phone numbers listed below. We hope to hear from you.

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart! (Psalm 119:1-2)*

You are invited to:  
Sunday AM  
Bible classes: 10:00AM  
Sunday AM Worship:  
**10:45AM**  
Sunday PM Worship:  
**5:00 PM**  
Wednesday Bible  
Classes & Worship:  
**7:00 PM**

# SIN (2)

*Did you know that sometimes we sin just by doing nothing?! Can we ignore God’s teachings and expect Him to accept us anyway?*

All parents understand that when they tell their children to clean their room, the child who does nothing is guilty of wrong. Likewise, when God our Father speaks, we must obey in faith. If we do less, or nothing, we sin. Notice some examples—

God once told Moses to speak to a rock, as part of God providing water for Israel. Moses did not speak to the rock. He sinned (Numbers 20:7-12).

Do you do what God commands and expects or do you do less, or even nothing?

- \* Examine and accept the proof of God’s existence & revelation (Romans 1:20; 2 Peter 1:19)
- \* Wives submit to your husbands, husbands love your wives (Ephesians 5:22-25)
- \* A bishop (pastor) must be the husband of one wife (1 Timothy 3:2, 4-5)
- \* Assemble with saints to worship on the first day of every week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2)
- \* Accept that faith, repentance, confession, and baptism are for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Romans 10:10; Acts 2:38). “Faith alone” is less than God teaches.

## Questions from this month’s articles:

1. What did the wise man, Solomon, say is “man’s all”?
2. What is the difference in the way Jesus and Muhammad spread and defended their new teachings?
3. Describe one way that people sin today and give an example.

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\* OR, e-mail your answers to **TruthAndReason@suddenlink.net**

\* Do you have other Bible questions we can help you with? Write or call us (870 793-6700; 569-4491)

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