

## The Purpose of God with the Earth and Mankind

### 1. Why Did God Create Man?

- We often ask the question, "What was the divine motive? Why did God create the earth and its inhabitants?"
- God revealed his purpose to Moses in Numbers 14:21
  - "...but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD..."
- God's divine motive is further expressed in Revelation 4:11
  - "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

### 2. The Earth Was Created to Be Inhabited

- **Isaiah 45:18** – God formed the earth "not in vain... but, to be inhabited."
- Key truths:
  - ✓ Earth was made to be lived in.
  - ✓ People were created to reflect God's glory.
  - ✓ God's purpose is to fill the earth with His glory.



Psalm 72v19

### 3. The Promises to Abraham

- **Genesis 13:14–17** – God promises the land to Abraham and his 'seed'.
- **Galatians 3:16** – The promise centres on one Seed — Christ.

#### BUT Abraham Has Not Yet Received the Promises

- **Hebrews 11:39–40** – Abraham awaits fulfillment alongside us.
- **Galatians 3:27–29** – Baptized believers are Abraham's seed and heirs, through Christ.

**So, the ultimate fulfillment to fill the earth with God's Glory must still be a future event!**

### 4. What Is God's Glory?

- **Exodus 33:17–19 & 34:5–7** – God's glory is His character:
  - ✓ Merciful, gracious, longsuffering, abundant in goodness and truth.
  - ✓ Forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin.

#### God's Memorial Name Reveals His Purpose!

- **Yahweh (יהוה)** – "I will be who I will be."
- God's name reflects His eternal purpose and character.
- **Matthew 6:9** – "Hallowed be Thy Name."

### 5. Summary

- ✓ We are created in God's image to reflect His glory.
- ✓ Jesus Christ is the perfect manifestation of God's purpose.
- ✓ God's plan to fill the earth with His glory will be fulfilled.



Breathe In - Breathe Out

God's purpose from the beginning has been to fill the earth with His glory through a people who reflect His character and willingly walk in His ways. Though this has only been perfectly fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the promises to Abraham and the calling of believers point to a future where God's glory will be fully revealed in all the earth.