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Devotional

His Purpose for Me



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Through the Psalms
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> The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
> your love, O LORD, endures forever –
> do not abandon the works of your hands.
> (Psalm 138:8)

How good to know that God has a purpose for each one of us! David does not say that the LORD will fulfill *my* purpose; he says that the LORD will fulfill *His purpose for me.* There is a great difference – I may have one purpose, God may have another. God does not guarantee that He will fulfill *my* purpose, only that He will fulfill *His* purpose.

God's guarantee is contained in the words that follow: "Your love, O LORD, endures forever." The Hebrew word translated *love* means, more fully, the faithfulness that causes God to keep the commitments of the covenant He has made with us. God's commitment to fulfill His purpose in our lives extends through time and on into eternity.

David ends this verse with what sounds like a cry of desperation: "Do not abandon the works of your hands." I remember once ministering at the bedside of a committed Christian lady who was dying of cancer. Picking up a copy of The Living Bible from her night stand, she read aloud those words of David in that version: "You made me – don't abandon me!" This was her personal affirmation that neither sickness nor pain nor death itself could prevent God's covenant-keeping faithfulness from working out His purpose for her to its victorious conclusion.

For each of us who has entered into the covenant that God offers us through Jesus, the same assurance holds good. God made us; He will not abandon us. It may not be our purpose, but it will be His purpose. That purpose will stand sure and unshakable, no matter what we go through.

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