His Purpose for Me

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This is Derek Prince with a word for you from the Word.

"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, NIV)

It's good to know that God has a purpose for each one of us. The Scripture there does not say that the Lord will fulfill my purpose; it says the Lord will fulfill His purpose for me. There's a great difference. I may have one purpose; God may have another. God does not guarantee that He will fulfill my purpose, but He does promise that He will fulfill His purpose.

And then the psalmist goes on to say, "Your love, O Lord [and that means 'your covenant-keeping faithfulness'], endures forever." When God commits Himself to us to fulfill His purpose in our lives, that is a commitment for time and for eternity.

And then, maybe out of a situation of desperation, the psalmist says, "Do not abandon the works of your hands." I remember once being at the deathbed of a lady who was dying of cancer, a strong believer. She read that last verse in the version of The Living Bible: "You made me; don't abandon me." And she had strong assurance as she read those words: "You made me; don't abandon me." But that's for each one of us. God made us; He will not abandon us. He has a purpose; He's going to fulfill it. Maybe it won't be your purpose, but it will be His purpose. That purpose will stand sure and unshakable no matter what you go through.