

We won't know until we are with Him just what was the real effective part and what was not. He is interested now in our faithfulness, in our diligence, and in the intelligence we show as we try to accomplish His will. We cannot tell by the results just what we have accomplished. That is part of the inscrutable will of God.

Now this point was you have a part in God's plan. But now I have a fourth point which I feel is in some ways even more important than this third. You have a part in God's plan, No. 3. No 4., you are a part of God's plan. And that is tremendously important. You are a part of God's plan.

Why is God _____ ? What is His purpose in the world anyway? Is His purpose simply to punish the wicked? Is His purpose simply to justify the elect? Then why does He not take us to heaven just as soon as we are converted? Is His purpose to establish a perfect world? He is going to establish a perfect world, but he's not going to do it by human effort. It will be by the return of Christ that the perfect world will be established, and not before. He is not establishing a perfect world at present. What is God's purpose in the world? His purpose is to bring into existence a peculiar people. Now in the New Scofield where this word peculiar occurs, they have changed it to "a people for himself." We are not just supposed to be odd people, peculiar people! The world thinks we're odd. No doubt of that. They think we are pretty queer. We are queer in that XXXX sense. But that is not what this word means here. It's an old English word here which means "one devoted to himself." One who will be like what He wants us to be. God did not simply cast people out in the world and say, Let's see who will have