**God’s purpose for me and you**

* Does God or Satan create evil people?
* Does God or Satan allow evil things to happen in this world?
* Does God or Satan allow suffering and tragedy to happen to believers?

We would answer Satan for most of these things – but that’s not exactly true. Satan doesn’t have that much power. He just has power to inspire us to take wrong Decisions/Choices/Actions not make us do anything wrong. When we choose to do something Satan inspires us, then we choose the path shown by him and walk against the direction God expects us.

Why would God give Satan that much power?

**Romans 9**

**21Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use? 22What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? 23What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory?**

The purpose of our existence/life has been pre-determined. It is part of a bigger plan that we have no idea about. The potter has every right to shape the same clay to some pottery for special purpose, for ordinary use, or even waste it. Does that mean, we don’t have any control over our life and can say that God is making me do actions/thoughts that are negative?

No he doesn’t. We need to strengthen ourselves, fortify ourselves, arm ourselves like soldiers, keeping a lookout for evil. Staying away from it. God gave Adam/Eve a commandment to stay away from the life giving tree. (Similar to the rules that govern us – be it rules of Society/Country/Church). They didn’t listen – they made a choice (Similar to the free everyday Choice between good and evil). This was the first temptation. **When we don’t follow the rules and make evil choices, we are following a path that is against God’s wish for us but even that path has been determined/planned by God.**

**18Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.**

Christ died for us and rose again, setting us free. This wouldn’t have happened if God hadn’t hardened the hearts of the people who shouted “Crucify him”, if Judas hadn’t betray Jesus, if the high priests hadn’t turned against Jesus.

Our prayer should include “Oh God! Make my heart merciful, don’t harden my heart – let me make the right decisions. Shape me into a pot that is worthy of your glory”.

**Corinthians 13:12 says, “Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.”**

**Have a blessed day and let’s work together to bring Glory to the name of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.**