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Man's chief end is to glorify God, and enjoy him for ever.

What Truths are embraced in this Answer ?

1. *The chief design of Man's creation, in reference to God, was actively to spread abroad his glory.*—1. Cor. x. 31. Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

2. *The chief design of Man's creation, in reference to himself, was the enjoyment of God.*—Deut. xii. 18. Thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.

3. *The foundation and end of every duty, should be the glory of God.*—Rom. xiv. 8. Whether we live, we live unto the Lord ; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord : whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

4. *All happiness here and hereafter must be derived from the enjoyment of God.*—Psal. lxxiii. 25, 26. Whom have I in heaven but thee ! and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee. My flesh and my heart faileth : but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.