

Revealing the character and purpose of God

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God's character is for the three Trinitarian persons to be utterly with one another; God's purpose is for us likewise to be with the Trinity, one another and the creation. In the exile, Israel realizes that God's true purpose is *with* (solidarity) rather than *for* (granting immediate blessing). The early church witnessed this same transition: the incarnate, crucified Jesus definitively reveals the God whose character and purpose are to be with us always, whatever happens.