

A Time for Everything

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

1. There is a time for everything. (vv. 1-8)
 - a. We probably would prefer there to only be a time for some things.
 - b. It is hard for us to know the time for some things.
 - c. 2 Kings 3:19, 25

2. We have no control of the timing. (vv. 9-11)

3. We should make the most of everything in its time. (vv. 12-13)

4. God is in control of the timing of everything and we should submit to Him if we are going to live with meaning. (vv. 14-15)
 - a. Deuteronomy 32:39 See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.

LOOKING AT LIFE BEYOND THE SUN:

1. God is in control. We find peace trusting His timing.
 - a. Galatians 4:4-7 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.
 - b. Romans 5:6 For at just the right time, while we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

- c. 1 Timothy 6:13-16 I charge you 14to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.
 - d. Psalm 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2. We have an eternal hope from God.
- a. 1 Peter 1:3-4 He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.
 - b. Philippians 3:20 Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. We can live with meaning now because of our hope for tomorrow.
- a. Titus 2:12-14 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.
 - b. Ephesians 5:15-16 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.
 - c. Acts 1:7-8 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
 - d. Acts 13:36-37 Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. 37But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.
 - e. Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.