

Title: God's Time
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Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

¹To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under the heaven ²A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; ³A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; ⁴A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; ⁵A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep; And a time to throw away; ⁷A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; ⁸A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

Genesis 8:28

²⁸“As long as the Earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night SHALL NOT CEASE.”

The Parable of the Sewer

Matthew 13:4

⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.

The Parable Explained

Matthew 13:19

¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

Matthew 13:5

⁵Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.

Matthew 13:20-21

²⁰But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

Matthew 13:7

⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

Matthew 13:22

²²Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

Matthew 13:8

⁸But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matthew 13:23

²³But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

- Every season in your life & my life has a beginning and an end.
- Every season in our lives has a purpose!

1. What is the season you are in?
2. What is God’s purpose for the season?
3. What are you doing about it?

Appointed Seasons/Time Appointed

Galatians 4:1-2

¹Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, ²but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

Seasons of Fulfillment

Galatians 4:4

⁴But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Trying Seasons (James 1:2-4)

(Some seasons are not nice to go through, these seasons we call trying seasons.)

James 1:2-4

²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

The purpose of these seasons.

1 Peter 1:6-7

⁶ “..that the genuineness of your faith may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Romans 8:28

²⁸“God will cause all things to work together for our good.” (Paraphrased)

How can we recognize, understand and move with God’s seasons?

1. Relationship with the Holy Spirit

(1 Corinthians 2:9-10, Galatians 5:25).

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

⁹But as it is written:“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”¹⁰But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

Galatians 5:25

²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit

2. Ask for the grace to go through it

2 Corinthians 12:9

⁹And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

3. Believe God

Romans 4:19-21

¹⁹And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

4. Surrender to the season; do not fight it-

Can’t resist winter, you’ll die.

Israel resisted the season - 40 days became 40 years.

5. His promises to us:

Everything taken from you will be returned 100 fold (Joel 2:25-27).
You are tried in the fire, but you are coming out gold (1 Peter 1:6-7).