

## **11 16 2011 TIMING**

TIMING is everything! Sometimes, we're in the right place at the right time. Sometimes, our TIMING is all wrong & we miss out on opportunities. I'm Ken Trahan & Welcome to Walking in the Word with Williams Blvd. Baptist Church.

We are all on a TIMING plan. God is not. The text of this message is in Ecclesiastes 3. This chapter speaks to our lives. The very first verse assures us of this—"to everything, there is a season, a time for every purpose under Heaven."

All things happen for a purpose. God purposes all until we meet Him. Speaking of TIMING, Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes to spare future generations the bitterness of learning that life is meaningless apart from God.

Speaking of TIMING, Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes late in life. He reflects on his life, much of which he had lived apart from God. The Word reveals that there will be an appropriate time for all things in life. God has a plan for us, a time for everything. Solomon reveals the cycles of life & work for us to do.

Ecclesiastes 3: "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under Heaven. A time to be born & a time to die; a time to plan & a time to pluck what is planted; a time to kill & a time to heal; a time to break down & a time to build up; a time to weep & a time to laugh; a time to mourn & a time to dance.

A time to cast away stones & time to gather stones; a time to embrace & a time to refrain from embracing; a time to gain & a time to lose; a time to keep & a time to throw away; a time to tear & a time to sew; a time to keep silence & a time to speak; a time to love & a time to hate; a time of war & a time of peace."

We enter this world through birth & will exit through death. We strive to achieve goals. When we fall short, we must start over, tearing down our sin-nature, allowing ourselves to rebuilt in Christ. We must sew good seed.

We must choose the right time to speak. We must declare war on sin, trusting in the Lord. We shouldn't hate others but hate sin, love God & others. We should also hate when people are mistreated, children starve & when God is dishonored.

In Acts 1:6, Jesus gathered His followers, who asked Him, "Lord, will you restore the Kingdom to Israel? & He said to them, 'it is not for you to know the times or season which the Father has come upon you; & you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria & to the end of the earth.'"

The disciples chafed under their Roman rulers. They wanted Jesus to free Israel from Roman power & then become their king. Jesus reminded them that God controls TIMING for all things everywhere! If you want changes & they don't happen immediately, don't give up. Remain patient. It is not God, but you who must adjust your timetable. All things will occur in God's perfect TIMING.

Finally, there is Romans 8:28-30: "All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; & whom He justified, these He also glorified."

God works all things for our good, whether easy or hard to deal with. God is not working to make us happy but to fulfill His purpose in our lives. Note the words—the promise of being glorified is reserved only for those who love God. We must endure pain on earth. We will have security with Him in Heaven.

God's ultimate goal is to make us like Christ. When it comes to TIMING, God's purpose for us was settled before the world began. Mankind is to serve & glorify God. When we understand God's sovereignty, we should rejoice confidently, not doubting, for we know we will be rewarded in His perfect TIMING! The secret to peace with God is to discover, accept & appreciate God's perfect TIMING!

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