

Berwyn Church of Christ: Ecclesiastes Study

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Connecting Scriptures/Thoughts	Ecclesiastes 3: A Time for Everything
<p>V1-8 The teacher begins by telling us that there is a season for everything.(designated time) There is a time for every activity. There are fourteen pairs of opposites. These comparisons are not about choosing wisely but rather that life/time is ever changing.</p> <p>Sometimes there is absolutely nothing you can do to avoid one season and enter another.</p> <p>V9-10 very little control over these changes even if you diligently try. God has made life this way, designed. Finding the Meaning of life without God is futile.</p> <p>V11 What is God trying to tell us with this verse? We can try to prepare for season changes but they happen in a blink of an eye.</p> <p>V12-13 Enjoy the season you are in right now! Philippians 4:4 Marriage example</p> <p>V14-15 Our time is fleeting but God's time is permanent. Defer to God the designer of all this and rely on Him in ALL seasons!</p> <p>V16-17 Good and Bad are both observable and wickedness creeps into all parts of life! Where justice is supposed to be it is not! Remember 1:15 what is crooked cannot be made straight! God will be the judge of the wicked and righteous!</p>	<p>[1] For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:</p> <p>[2] a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;</p> <p>[3] a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;</p> <p>[4] a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;</p> <p>[5] a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; [6] a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;</p> <p>[7] a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;</p> <p>[8] a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.</p> <p>[9] What gain has the worker from his toil?</p> <p>[10] I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with.</p> <p>[11] He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.</p> <p>[12] I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live;</p> <p>[13] also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.</p> <p>[14] I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.</p> <p>[15] That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.</p> <p>[16] Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness.</p> <p>[17] I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.</p>

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V18-21 we are very much like animals, Gen 1:30, Gen 2:7 breath of life and we will return to dust
Genesis 3:19

V21 Who knows? Only God knows.

V22 Conclusion James 4:13-17 are you always looking to tomorrow and fail to live for today? God's advice is to NOT do that!

Psalm 118:24

[18] I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts.

[19] For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity.

[20] All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return.

[21] Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth?

[22] So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him? (ESV)