

# “What Time Is It?”

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

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- I. We are to live in all the seasons of life under \_\_\_\_\_.

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”

**Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)**

- II. We need to know what time it is so we can \_\_\_\_\_ in what he is doing in that time.

**(Ecclesiastes 3:2-8)**

- III. We need to know that God has designed \_\_\_\_\_ in all of the activities of life and we can see it when we live in each time with eternity in mind.

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”

**Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)**

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

**Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

- IV. We need discernment to know what time it is, so we won't \_\_\_\_\_ against what God is doing!

“Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?”

**Isaiah 43:13 (NIV)**

“For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?”

**Isaiah 14:27 (NIV)**

**(Jeremiah 29:4-14)**

❖ **(Ecclesiastes 3:2)**

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.”

**Acts 17:24-26 (NIV)**

❖ **(Ecclesiastes 3:3)**

“Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces, but he will heal us; he has injured us, but he will bind up our wounds. After two days

he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.”

**Hosea 6:1-2 (NIV)**

“You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come... For the LORD will rebuild Zion and appear in his glory.”

**Psalms 102:13,16 (NIV)**

❖ **(Ecclesiastes 3:4)**

- We need to know what time it is in other people’s lives so we can \_\_\_\_\_ with them in their time.

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”

**Romans 12:15 (NIV)**

- We need to know what time it is in our life to join with God in what \_\_\_\_\_ is doing.

“The Lord, the LORD Almighty, called you on that day to weep and to wail, to tear out your hair and put on sackcloth. But see, there is joy and revelry, slaughtering of cattle and killing of sheep, eating of meat and drinking of wine!

“Let us eat and drink,” you say, “for tomorrow we die!”

**Isaiah 22:12-13 (NIV)**

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.”

**Isaiah 5:20 (NIV)**

- Notice the pain and difficulty often comes \_\_\_\_\_ the good.

“For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.”

**Psalms 30:5 (NIV)**

“Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seeds to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

**Psalms 126:5-6 (NIV)**

❖ **(Ecclesiastes 3:5)**

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”

**Romans 12:9 (NIV)**

❖ **(Ecclesiastes 3:6)**

❖ **(Ecclesiastes 3:7)**

❖ **(Ecclesiastes 3:8)**

“Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

**Romans 9:13 (NIV)**

“There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.”

**Proverbs 6:16-19 (NIV)**

“He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.”

**Psalms 46:9 (NIV)**