

The Fading Star and the Rising Sun

John 3:22-30

Introduction

All things come and go in their respective seasons in the providence of a sovereign God.

A Time for Everything

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Ecclesiastes 7:14

Ecclesiastes 8:6-7

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Stars shine brightly in the darkness. But as the morning sun rises, the lesser light of the star fades away.

John 1:4-5, 8

- I. **Jesus Arrives when Souls Confess** (vv22-24)
- II. **Jealousy Strives when Rivals Compete** (vv25-27)
- III. **Joy Thrives when Work is Complete** (vv28-30)

I. Jesus Arrives when Souls Confess

v22

“Jesus Himself did not baptize, but only His disciples.” John 4:2

v23

“Aenon” literally, ‘many springs,’

v24

II. Jealousy Strives when Rivals Compete

v25

“a Jew”

“purification”

“Mikvah”

Leviticus 17:15-16

Isaiah 1:16

v26

Mark 1:5

1 Corinthians 1:10-15

1 Corinthians 12:24-25

v27

1 Corinthians 4:7

Philippians 1:15-18

1 Corinthians 3:5

Hebrews 5:4-5

III. Joy Thrives when Work is Complete

v28

“I am not the Christ.” John 1:15

v29

“the bride”

“the bridegroom”

“The friend of the bridegroom”

Isaiah 62:5

v30

Jesus’ final words on the cross: “It is finished.”

John 17:3-5

John 17:13

Hebrews 12:1-2