

## ***Living in Time Under the Lord of Time***

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-15**

### **Main Point:**

Since God alone is the Lord of time, you need to respond accordingly as you live in time.

1. God has set a time for everything in life.

**Douglas Sean O'Donnell** "There are war cries and peace treaties, famines and feasts, acts of terrorism and kindness; on the face of this ever-turning terrestrial ball, we sleep and work, sow and harvest, cry and chuckle, live and die. But through it all, 'the ever-constant swings of time's pendulum are suspended and held firmly by God.'"

**C.S. Lewis** "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

**Benjamin Shaw** "In the face of God's eternity and purpose, man is forced to see his own creaturely limitations. He knows but a little, and he sees but a little."

**Philip Ryken** "If we cannot add anything to what God has done or take anything away from it, then there is absolutely nothing that we can do about our situation in life."

**Gordon Keddie** "The pursuit of God-centered and God-honoring happiness, enjoyment of good food and drink ... and satisfaction in one's work - all these are legitimate goals for God's people."

**Philip Ryken** "We may not always be happy about the way things are going in life, but we can always find joy in the grace of our God and the work he has given us to do."

**C.J. Williams** "The fear of the Lord is the love of this supreme God and a trust in His will without reservation. It is the determination that God will be God to us in all of our thinking in the entire compass of life. It is the resolve that what He has revealed, we will follow, and in what He has not revealed, we will fully trust Him."

**Philip Ryken** "Far from discouraging us into giving up, knowing that God is in control of everything from here to eternity encourages us to keep pressing on."

**Galatians 4:4** 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, (NKJV)

**Mark 1:14-15** 14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. (NKJV)

**Romans 5:6** 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. (NKJV)

**Luke 24:46** 46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, (NKJV)

**Douglas Sean O'Donnell** "Only God is the King of the world, and every tick and tock of its time is his. And our response to that terrific truth is to bow low and throw up our hands - not in despair or desolation, but in fear and faith."

2. You can't fully understand or alter His timing, but it is always beautiful.

3. In response, you should use the time you've been given to enjoy good and do good.

4. Most of all, you should willingly submit to God as the Lord of time.