

# A Time for Everything

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Psalm 31:15a

- I. **UNDER HEAVEN** (1:13-14)—the view changes
  - A. **“Under the Sun”**—*worldly, observable, time-bound perspective*
    1. Without divine reference or revelation
    2. All is vanity and striving after the wind
  - B. **“Under Heaven”** (1:13; 2:3; 3:1)—*heavenly, eternal perspective*
    1. With God as the reference point for understanding
    2. There is order, meaning and purpose
  
- II. **EVERYTHING** ()—full spectrum of human experience and emotion
  - A. **Life’s Variety** ()—*there is a righteous application of every emotion and of every human faculty and activity; there is a godly response to every event/ situation in life*
    1. To be **Born** and to **Die** (Ps 31:5, 15; 139:13, 16b)
    2. To **Plant** and to **Uproot**
    3. To **Kill** and to **Heal**
    4. To **Tear Down** and to **Build** (2 Cor 10:5)
    5. To **Weep** and to **Laugh**
    6. To **Mourn** and to **Dance**
    7. To **Scatter** and to **Gather**
    8. To **Embrace** and to **Refrain** from embracing (2 Jn 1:11)
    9. To **Search** and to **Give Up**
    10. To **Keep** and to **Throw Away**

11. To **Tear** and **Sew** (Mat 15:14)
12. To be **Silent** and to **Speak**. (Mat 7:6; Isa 53:7)
13. To **Love** and to **Hate** (Ps 97:10; 11:15; Rom 12:9)
14. For **War** and for **Peace** (Neh 4:14; Jer 6:14; Lk 22:36)

**B. God's Plan** (Isa 45:7 & 53:10; Job 12:9; Gen 50:20)

1. **Designed with Purpose** (Rom 8:18)—everything created for purpose
2. **Ordered with Intent** (Rom 8:28)—God directs history
3. **Endowed with Meaning** (Lam 3:31-33)—nothing is random

**C. God's Character**—*Always good but deep and multifaceted; Negative emotions and actions can be righteous.*

**III. IT'S TIME**—when it's appropriate to expect a thing, act a certain way

**A. A Season** (2 Cor 6:2)—*different, not random or instantaneous*

1. **A span of time** ()—extended stretch or period of time
2. **When particular conditions are expected**—predictable, recurrent, not arbitrary or inconsequential
3. **When particular actions need to be taken**—ideal, appropriate, necessary; will not be effective in different season

**B. A Process** (1 Cor 3:7-8; Gal 6:9)—it takes time, develops in stages

**C. A Moment** (Est 4:14; Lk 12:12; 1 Chronic 12:23)—crisis, moment of destiny, action required

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