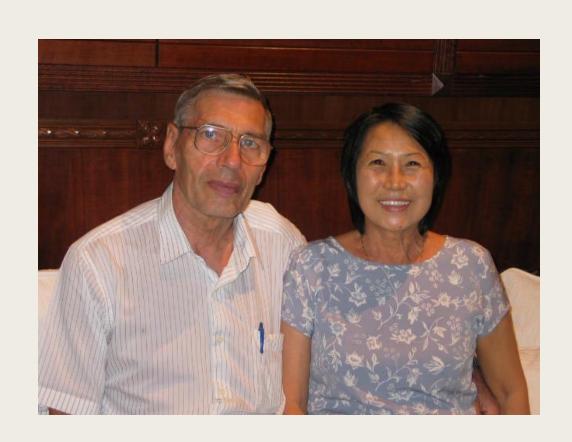
# A LESSON ON TIME

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11** 

## Willi and Lily Heinrichs



## Willi's baptism - Nov. 2001



# Three Concepts in a Thesis

- ➤ a **SEASON**: a fixed time, with a predetermined purpose
- > "opportunity"
- ➤ God is the sovereign of the seasons

# Three Concepts in a Thesis

- > A time: 28 occurances
- > 14 pairs in vv. 2 8
- ➤ Prov. 15:23b "... a word spoken in due season, how good is it!"

## TIME

- "TIME is the stuff life is made of." – Benjamin Franklin
- "The greatest use of life is to spend it on something that will outlast it." – William James

# God's Relationship to Time

Psalms 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8;

Isaiah 57:15

God is eternal, timeless. God exists outside of time.

# The significance of God's eternality

- God is able to see the past and the future as if they are the present.
- Because man is finite, he must trust completely in God's sovereign plan.

## God's Purpose – DECREE

- Ezra 6:3 Cyrus
- Ezra 6:12 Darius
- Ezra 7:12 13 Artaxerxes

#### God's Decree Defined

"His eternal decision rendering certain all things which shall come to pass."

Proverbs 16:4

#### PURPOSE

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "Every timed event has a "purpose",

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "and every thing is "beautiful" in God's time for it."

#### A COMPLETE LIFE

Four = world Seven = completeness Fourteen Positives Fourteen Negatives

#### A Clear Inference

"If we cooperate with God's timing, life will not be meaningless."

# Merisms

Born	Die	LIFE
Plant	Pluck up	
Kill	Heal	
Break down	Build up	
Weep	Laugh	EMOTION S

## Merisms

Mourn	Dance	
Cast away	Gather	RELATIONSHIP S
stones	stones	5
Embrace	Refrain from	
	Embracing	
To get	To lose	POSSESSION S
To keep	To cast away	

# Merisms

To rend	To sew	
To keep silent	To speak	
To love	To hate	CONFLICT
War	Peace	

### Life in the Son

- > Jesus Christ is the LORD of time.
- > Jesus Christ was exalted through the resurrection.

#### Life in the Son

- Crown him the Lord of years,
- the potentate of time,
- creator of the rolling spheres,
- ineffably sublime.

## Timing in the Life of Christ

- 1. Birth Galatians 4:4
- 2. Death John 7:30; Romans 5:6
- 3. Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:4

# Timing for "Life in the Son"

#### Three important truths

- 1. Wait for God's timing.
- 2. Live knowing there is a time to die.

# Timing for "Life in the Son"

#### Three important truths

3. Make good use of the time you have.