

**TICK, TOCK, IT'S GOD'S CLOCK**  
**Ecclesiastes 3:1-15**  
**Sermon 5**

**Introduction:** Key word of Ecclesiastes is HeBeL (breath or vapor). The Hebrews invented "Roman" numerals before the Romans. The letters of the alphabet have a numeric value. And *hebel's* numeric value is calculated by adding "H" – 5, "B" – 2, and "L" – 30 = 37. HeBeL occurs 37 x's in Ecclesiastes. There are exactly 1491 words in the first half of the book and 1491 words in the second half. And there are 111 verses in each half (3 X 37 =111). Solomon's masterpiece is all about HeBeL! Life is short; it will be gone before you know it. Therefore . . .

**Proposition: It's time to wake up and see time the way God does.**

**Interrogative: Why do we need to wake up?**

**Transition: Because there are two very different perspectives on TIME.**

I. **Man's Perspective of Time (3:1-8).**

- A. Note #1: What's the structure? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Note #2: What's absent? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Note #3: What's the key word? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Note #4: What's the poem about? \_\_\_\_\_

II. **God's Perspective of Time (3:9-15).**

- A. Question: All for what? (3:9)
- B. Observation #1: We will be \_\_\_\_\_ with God's plan for our lives when we realize God is in \_\_\_\_\_ (3:10-11).
- C. Observation #2: We can be " \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ " if we rest in God's sovereignty (3:12-13).
- D. Observation #3: Better to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself and accept your small place in God's sovereign plan than to challenge Him (3:14-15).