



THERE IS A *time*

FOR EVERYTHING,

AND *a season* FOR EVERY ACTIVITY

UNDER *the heavens*

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

# **God has made everything beautiful, even the clock. (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11)**

## The Reason for every season

Now this writer says, "I tried that. I discovered that I reacted to events, that I had certain inescapable experiences in life." We read that there is:

"A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep" (3:2-4). The writer sees that all these events come upon us. And he sees also that man has a desire for something deeper, for finding significance, for finding meaning in life.

"He has made everything beautiful in its time; also, He has put eternity into man's mind" (verse 11).

## A planned clock for Eternity

God's plan is unfathomable. Nevertheless, He has an appropriate time frame for every activity. God has also planned within the heart of every person a sense of something eternal and desirable to know the lasting significance of what we do. In other words, man can never rest with simply external explanations of things. He has to look deeper. Eternity is in his heart. And this writer says he saw all this. He saw that events of life are inescapable and are experienced by all men---but he saw that all men go to one place when it is all over. All turn to dust. And there is nothing better for man to know His maker than to enjoy his work.

## Grand Design of the Dial-Plate

"Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:5). Though it may be hard to believe right now, you will laugh again someday.

In His infinite wisdom, our heavenly Father is weaving the painful threads of our life into grand design; He is making something beautiful from our tears. We want to figure out what God is doing, but we are stopped short when we discover that God also has placed limitations upon our capacity to comprehend: "yet man cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end" this ability to perceive and yet not perceive, is a work of God.

In God's calendar of events there is a beginning and destiny for everything. Empires rise and fall, generations are born to live and die during the shifting seasons and rolling years with mixed emotions of joy and sorrows. God in this swift and fast running of the time knows the minute details of everything like the falling of our hair, and the rising of every blade of grass in the field of the earth. A sparrow cannot fall to the ground unnoticed by God's Omniscience. On God's beautiful clock dial-plate is inscribed this world-wide truth: "to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven". So let the world kindly know that the universe is not the result of a purposeless absurdity to repeat history, but as the seasons change with the course of time, God manages the destiny of everything.

As Jesus tells in one of His sermons, God has set His signature with His signet ring on everything even from the Coronation of the wise King Solomon to the falling of a little sparrow in the huge jungle.

## Dignity of Futurity

The Light and warmth of the summer may not be good without a controlled climate, but that is the time nature produces food and the creations gather it.

What is more beautiful than the untrodden snow of the winter and the returning life of spring is welcome to all hearts; but are not the brilliant hues of autumn fascinating to every eye. Youth is full of ardor, and manhood of strength; but declining years of old possess much richness of gathered wisdom, and there is dignity, calm, and reverence, manage which is all its own. How marvelous and wonderful it is, one season gives way to another season by reason.

*...Pr. T S Abraham*

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***“Faith is believing that God is going to take your places before you even get there.”***

*~ Matthew Barnett*

We most often perceive time as an instrument to remind us of when something needs to start or end. Our earliest realization of this interpretation of time or rather passage of it would have started at a very young age probably as our parents waking us up for our daily schedules of morning prayers, brushing of teeth etc. Time is almost inseparable from our conscious awareness.

On a Friday morning in 2014, my mom had concurrent seizures from midnight until 7 am. It was heart wrenching to see her suffer but at the same time I didn't want to lose her. At the appointed time, she left for her heavenly abode.

We are mistaken that we control the passage of time and future events. As christian believers, to believe in an **appointed time for everything** is the essence of our faith in **Jesus Christ** and **His** control on not only events, but the time itself.

Let's look into a few instances from the Bible to see the men of faith who trusted God for **His** perfect timing.

1) **The parting of the Red Sea.**(Exodus 14: 21-22)

God intervenes at the appointed time and uses Moses to do the miracle during the exodus of Israelites from Egypt.

2) **Appointed 'wife' at the appointed time** ( Genesis 24: 7)

Abraham had the **confidence** that God would send **His** angel before Eliezer and help him find the **appointed 'wife'**, Rebekah, for Issac **at the right time**.

3) **Agony in the garden of Gethsemane.**

At Gethsemane, Jesus fell with his face on the ground and prayed “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” At the **appointed time** Jesus had to die on the cross to save mankind from their sins. (Romans 5:6).

In Ecc 3:1-8, the author mentions cyclic events designed by **God**, beyond human control. **God** has orchestrated all the events of our life. Many times it's difficult for our mind to comprehend **His** master plan. All the events we experience are necessary to mold us into **His** image. The more we get to know **Him**, the better we weather seasons of life.

May we all find solace and strength in placing our trust in **God's perfect timing**.

*...Sis. Reena Zachariah*

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## Schedule of Events for 2023

<b>October 2023</b>	<b>November 2023</b>	<b>December 2023</b>
<b>Oct 7:</b> Fasting Prayer <b>Oct 14:</b> Cell Meeting <b>Oct 21:</b> PYPA <b>Oct 27-29:</b> Retreat	<b>Nov 4:</b> Fasting Prayer <b>Nov 11:</b> Cell Meeting <b>Nov 18:</b> PYPA <b>Nov 25:</b> Thanksgiving Fellowship	<b>Dec 2:</b> Fasting prayer <b>Dec 10:</b> SS Exam <b>Dec 16:</b> Outreach <b>Dec 23:</b> Cell Meeting <b>Dec 31:</b> Year-end meeting

### October @ Bethel Pentecostal Assembly

<b>Sat</b>	Oct 07	10.00 am - 01:30 pm	Fasting Prayer
	Oct 14	05:00 pm - 07:00 pm	Cottage Meeting
	Oct 21	06:30 pm - 08:30 pm	PYPA
	Oct 26	11:00 am - 09:00 pm	Church Retreat
	Oct 27	06:30 am - 09:00 pm	Church Retreat
	Oct 28	06:30 am - 09:00 pm	Church Retreat
<b>Sun</b>	09:40 - 11.00 am		Sunday School / Bible Study
	11:00 - 01:00 pm		Worship Service
<b>Mon</b>	09:00 - 10:00 am		Women's Conference Prayer
<b>Tue</b>	08:00 - 09:00 pm		Intercessory Prayer
<b>Wed</b>	08:00 - 09:00 pm		Youth Conference Prayer

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