



**God Made Everything Beautiful in its Time**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15



# Everything has its time

- Ecclesiastes 3:1 To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:
  - There is an appointed time for every activity
  - A Season/a time (a fixed portion of time/a point in time)
  - Every purpose (activity) under heaven (done on earth)
- A comprehensive picture of life in the world
  - 14 pairs of opposites (birth/death; war/peace)



# Constant Change in Life

- Time to be born
- Time to plant
- Time to kill
- Time to break down
- Time to weep
- Time to mourn
- Time cast away stones
- Time to embrace
- Time to gain
- Time to keep
- Time to tear
- Time to keep silence
- Time to love
- Time of war
- Time to die
- Pluck up what is planted
- Time to heal
- Time to build up
- Time to laugh
- Time to dance
- Time to gather stones
- Refrain from embracing
- Time to lose
- Time to throw away
- Time to sew
- Time to speak
- Time to hate
- Time of peace

# What profit in all our labor?

- 3:9 What profit has the worker from that in which he labors?  
(all our activity in this life)
  - 1:3 What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun?
  - Answer: None
  - 14 pairs activities
  - All depends on timing



# The God-given task

- 3:10-11 I have seen the **God-given** task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. <sup>11</sup> **He** has made everything beautiful in its time. Also **He** has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that **God** does from beginning to end.
  - Evidence this is God-given (Genesis 1)
  - Everything beautiful (appropriate in its time)
  - He has put eternity in their hearts
  - Man cannot put it all together

# Focus on Enjoyment

- 3:12-13 I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, <sup>13</sup> and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God.
  - Rejoice (be happy)
  - Do good in their lives
  - Enjoy blessings as the gift of God

# Trust God's Purpose

- 3:14-15 I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does *it*, that men should fear before Him. <sup>15</sup> That which is has already been, And what is to be has already been; And God requires an account of what is past.
  - Man is limited/God is infinite
  - Whatever God does is eternal
  - Life is arranged that we would fear God
  - God requires an account of what is past





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