



Times of Worship

Sunday Bible Classes:	9am
Sunday AM Worship:	10am
Sunday PM Worship:	5pm
Wednesday Bible Study:	7pm

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Evangelist

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A Time For Everything

Solomon reminds us there is a time for every event under heaven. As you think back on the previous year, I'm guessing every one of the items listed in **Ecclesiastes 3:2-8** you experienced one way or another. Let's read it again together...

“A time to give birth and a time to die; A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted. A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to weep and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance. A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones; A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing. A time to search and a time to give up as lost; A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear apart and a time to sew together; A time to be silent and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate; A time for war and a time for peace.”

My guess is all of these things are going to happen again to all of us this year as well. There will be times of mourning when people we know and love depart from this life. There will be births and times of great rejoicing. Life under the sun will produce all of these experiences and emotions every single year. There is nothing we can do to stop all of these from happening to us.

There's a joke about a groom who was not paying very good attention to the one officiating the

New Songs

- ◆ You Are My All In All
- ◆ The Love Of God

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ◆ Matthew Martin (1/1)
- ◆ Lori Barbour (1/18)

Calendar Items

Song Learning Class on Sunday the 8th at the building at 4p

Women's Bible Study Resuming January 10th at the building at 11

Men's Meeting at the building on Saturday January 14th

Today's Lessons

- ◆ Reaching Forward
- ◆ Dealing With A Fool

Midweek Bible Study

- ◆ Luke 7:18

wedding. The officiant told the groom to repeat after him, "...to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until parted by death." The groom said, "I'll choose for better, for richer, and good health."

It is easy to be like the groom and want all of the positive things Solomon lists in these verses. The truth is, we are going to experience both the positive and the negative things of life under the sun. Since these things are so, we need to prepare now on how we will deal with these different events that are coming in 2023 and every year after. As the apostle Peter said, when these events happen to us "do not be surprised as though some strange thing were happening to you." (1Pe 4:12)

Solomon is teaching us we are not in control of life's events. The one thing we can count on is unexpected events. If you are going through a time of weeping and mourning, know there will come a time of laughing and dancing. If things are going really well for you, know that will not always be the case. Knowing this truth can be very helpful to us. It should help us be more grateful for the good times God blesses us with.

Job understood this fact better than his wife did. When Satan took everything from Job and his wife, her response was "Curse God and die." Job asked her a rhetorical question, "Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" (Job 2:10) It would be foolish for us to think we will not experience any adversity. When we do experience difficulties, James tells us to consider it all joy knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. Let endurance have its perfect result so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (Jam 1:2-4)

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