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Living Your Godly Purpose “Season, Time, Purpose”

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ECCLESIASTES 3:1-9

1. **To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:**
2. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
3. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
4. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
5. A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
6. A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
7. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
8. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.
9. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?
17. I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: **for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.**

PURPOSE // 2656. chephets, khay'-fets; from H2654; pleasure; hence (abstr.) desire; concr. a valuable thing; hence (by extens.) a matter (as something in mind):--acceptable, delight (-some), desire, things desired, matter, pleasant (-ure), purpose, willingly.

Monologue

- Purpose appears in the bible 61 times in 56 verses
- What are you doing to seek your purpose in Life?

GOD ORDAINED PURPOSES

ISAIAH 46:

9. Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,
10. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:
11. Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.
12. Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness:



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13. I bring near my righteousness: it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

- Verse 9 – God and God and there is none like him
- Verse 10 – God declared the end from the beginning
 - His counsel shall stand
 - His purposes shall be fulfilled
- Verse 11 – God calls who he will to do his purpose
 - He has spoken it and it shall come to pass
 - He has purposed it and it shall be done
- Verse 12-13 – We should stand with God because ultimately his will shall prevail

HOW TO FIND YOUR PURPOSE

ROMANS 12:1-21

1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**
2. And **be not conformed to this world:** but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that ye may prove what is that **good,** and **acceptable,** and **perfect, will of God.**
3. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think;** but to **think soberly,** according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
4. For as we have **many members in one body,** and **all members have not the same office:**
5. So we, being **many,** are **one body in Christ,** and **every one members one of another.**
6. Having then **gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us,** whether **prophecy,** let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
7. Or **ministry,** **let us wait on our ministering;** or he that **teacheth,** on teaching;
8. Or he that **exhorteth,** on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth **mercy,** with cheerfulness.
9. **Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.**
10. Be **kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love;** in **honour preferring one another;**
11. **Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;**
12. **Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;**
13. **Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.**
14. **Bless them which persecute you:** bless, and curse not.
15. **Rejoice with them that do rejoice,** and **weep with them that weep.**
16. Be of the same mind one toward another. **Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate.** Be not wise in your own conceits.
17. Recompense to **no man evil for evil.** Provide things **honest in the sight of all men.**
18. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, **live peaceably with all men.**
19. Dearly beloved, **avenge not yourselves,** but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.



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20. Therefore if thine **enemy hunger, feed him**; if he **thirst, give him drink**: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21. Be **not overcome of evil**, but **overcome evil with good**.

- Verse 2 – We need our minds renewed so we can find that GOOD, ACCEPTABLE and PERFECT WILL OF GOD
- Verse 3 – We need to not think high of ourselves, but we need to be humble
- Verse 4 – We need to find our purpose because it enables us to do our part in the body
 - We are many members but one body
 - Everyone was not called to do the same thing but we each have our own office
- Verse 6-8 – There are many different gifts that God provides to the body
 - WE NEED TO WAIT ON OUR PURPOSE
 - PROPHECY, MINISTRY, EXHORTER, GIVER, RULER, MECRY
- Verse 10 – We must be kind and loving, one to the other
- Verse 11 – YOU CANNOT BE SLOTHFUL (LAZY) AND FIND AND FULFIL YOUR PURPOSE
 - We should be fervent in spirit and in the business
- Verse 12 – We need to demonstrate these qualities
 - REJOICING IN HOPE
 - PATIENT IN TRIBULATION
 - INSTANT IN PRAYER
- Verse 13 – We must be willing to distribute to the needs (necessity of the saints)
 - We bring money into God's house so we can take care of the needs
 - It is a store house for God and to meet the needs (Malachi 3)
 - The early church brought their offerings and then distributed to the needs of the saints (Acts 2)
- Verse 14 – Bless that the persecute you
 - DO NOT CURSE
- Verse 15 – We need to be able to REJOICE with the happy and be able to recognize and WEEP with those that weep
- Verse 16 – We cannot have a high attitude of ourselves (PRIDEFUL)
 - We should not be conceited
- Verse 17 – We need to be HONEST in all that we do
 - We cannot lie, cheat, and steal as the people of God
 - Never forget that ALL LIARS WILL HAVE THEIR PART IN HELL (See Revelations, chapters 21-22)
- Verse 21 – FINALLY
 - DO NOT ALLOW YOURSELVES TO BE OVERCOME BY EVIL (DARKNESS)
 - LEARN TO OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD (LIGHT)



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Good Counsel Required for Purpose

PROVERBS 15:22

22. Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

(Prov 20:18 KJV) Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

- We should seek wise counsel so we can find our purpose
- We need to become part of a local assembly where there are Godly men and women
 - Do understand that not everyone that names the name of Christ is living for him (St Matthew, Chapter 7)
 - We need to be discriminating when we look for a church
 - Don't join because of the program that they offer
 - If you want a gym, go find a local one and join it
 - If you want youth programs, go to the YMCA
 - If you want a men's or women's group, go find one
 - The only reasons to join a church
 - Because that is where the Spirit of the Lord sent you
 - Because of the Godly leadership
 - Look at the heart of the man or woman
 - We are what we do because what we do comes from the heart
 - If you want to know what is in our heart, Look at what we do
 - How do we treat people
 - Do we steal
 - Do we kill with our tongues

God Control the Purpose of Man

Ecclesiastes 8:1-9

1. **Who is as the wise man?** and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? **a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.**
2. I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God.
3. **Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing;** for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.
4. **Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?**
5. **Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing:** and **a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.**
6. Because **to every purpose there is time and judgment,** therefore the misery of man is great upon him.
7. For he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be?



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8. **There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death:** and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.
9. All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: **there is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.**
10. And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity.
11. Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.
12. **Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:**
13. **But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.**
 - Verse 1 – A man’s wisdom maketh his face to shine and it gives him boldness
 - Verse 2 – God wants man to keep his commandment
 - Verse 3 – We should not be hasty in going out before the Lord
 - We should not Stand in an evil place or in an evil thing (GET OUT OF IT)
 - Verse 4 – There is power in the word of God, the King of King
 - Verse 5 – Keeping God’s commandments will protect and keep us from evil
 - A WISE MAN’S HEART DISCERNETH BOTH TIME AND JUDGEMENT
 - Verse 6 – TO EVERY PURPOSE THERE IS TIME AND JUDGEMENT
 - Verse 8 – No man has any power during the day of his death. God has total control

Judge Not

ROMANS 8:18-39

18. **For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**
19. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
20. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,
21. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
22. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
23. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.
24. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?
25. But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.
26. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.



27. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
 28. **And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**
 29. For whom he did foreknow, **he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son,** that he might **be the firstborn among many brethren.**
 30. Moreover whom **he did predestinate, them he also called:** and **whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**
 31. What shall we then say to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us?**
 32. He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
 33. Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
 34. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
 35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
 36. As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
 37. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
 38. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
 39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Verse 18 – there is a glory that is waiting to be revealed in us
 - Verse 28 – ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD
 - We are called to a purpose, his purpose
 - Verse 29 – We have predestinated to be confirmed to the image of his Son
 - Verse 30 – If we have been predestinated, then we have been CALLED, JUSTIFIED, and will be GLORIFIED
 - Verse 31 – Knowing these things, IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO THEN CAN BE AGAINST US??

PREDESTINED FOR HIS GLORY

EPHESIANS 1:1-12

1. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:
2. Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:



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4. **According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
5. Having **predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will**,
6. To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
7. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
8. Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
9. Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, **according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself**:
10. **That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:
11. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, **being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will**:
12. That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

- Verse 4 – God has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world
 - That we should be holy and without blame before him in Love
- Verse 5 – He has predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself
 - This is his pleasure and his will
 - If you have accepted Christ, you should believe that you were predestined to do so
 - You should believe that there is a will and a purpose for you
 - You should be actively seeking out that will and purpose
- Verse 9 – God’s will is a mystery that he makes know to the believers
 - God has purposed this in his heart and we should be actively seeking to know what it is
- Verse 10 – There is a time planned when all God’s will shall be fulfilled
 - Expressed as the fullness of time
 - Even in your own life, there is time for your will and purpose to manifest itself

God’s Purpose for us Established at the Beginning

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-9

6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
7. **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**
8. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;
9. **Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,**
10. But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:



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11. Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

- Verse 7 – God has not given us a spirit of fear
 - He has give us the spirit of LOVE, POWER, and of a SOUND MIND
 - These are things we need if we are going to fulfill our purpose
- Verse 9 – God has saved us with a holy calling according to his own purpose
 - Not according to works but to our faith (our believe in him, who he is, and his purpose in our life and in the world
 - Jesus was sent to do this before the world began

Conclusion

- Find your purpose in life
- You must be saved and have a relationship with Jesus Christ
- You are shaped by your environment for your purpose
 - David was a shepherd
 - Moses was
 - Born into a ruling family
 - Lived in the desert for 40 years
 - Married the wife of a high priest
- You are created in the image of God who has destined you to fulfill his will and purpose in the earth