

Timeless Thoughts  
on Time  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

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DESPITE

*Restlessness*



## Examining King Solomon's Lyrics on Time (Eccl. 3:1-8)

- **What is this poem calling our attention to?**
  - 1. Everything** – King Solomon is grabbing our attention and overwhelming us with the main events of life...
  - 2. Under Heaven** – King Solomon is zoning into and summarizing all of the main events “under heaven...under the sun.”
  - 3. Time** – King Solomon is stating that there is a time for...

**King Solomon's First Thought On Time:**  
Everything, under heaven, has a time.

## Observation & Analysis

We have a natural tendency to focus, even obsess, over precious moments in time, while ignoring other important, but painful moments in time, all the while bemoaning the fact that we can't see the totality of all the moments in time.

1. Precious moments have an expiration date.
2. Painful moments have an expiration date.
3. There would be no precious moments in time without the painful moments in time.

# Examining King Solomon's Lyrics on Painful Moments in Time (Eccl. 3:9-11, 14-15)



God makes everything beautiful in time.



God places eternity into our hearts.



God remains totally sovereign over time.



**King Solomon's Second Thought On Time:** Everything, under heaven, has a meaning; even the painful moments in time have rich, deep meaning.

# Examining King Solomon's Lyrics on You & Time (Eccl. 3:12-13)

1. Joyfully Live.
2. Joyfully Work.
3. Joyfully Submit.

**King Solomon's Third Thought On Time:** Everything, under heaven, can be enjoyed.

## Ecclesiastes 3:11-15 (The Message)

- God made everything beautiful in itself and in its time—but he's left us in the dark, so we can never know what God is up to, whether he's coming or going. I've decided that there's nothing better to do than go ahead and have a good time and get the most we can out of life. That's it—eat, drink, and make the most of your job. It's God's gift.
- I've also concluded that whatever God does, that's the way it's going to be, always. No addition, no subtraction. God's done it and that's it. That's so we'll quit asking questions and simply worship in holy fear. Whatever was, is. Whatever will be, is. That's how it always is with God.