

Knowing Your Time of Visitation

God is not distant or disconnected from the details of your life. He is actively working through the natural world, through people, through the church, and through His Word to reach you. The question is whether you are positioned to receive what He has for you.

Is God Really Everywhere, or Does He Manifest Everywhere?

Yes, God is omnipresent. But there is a difference between God being everywhere and God being manifest everywhere. Where there is strife, fear, depression, and oppression, that is not God in manifestation. That is the enemy at work.

As Acts 10:38 tells us: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." Sickness, pain, fear, and sorrow are manifestations of demonic oppression, not the hand of God.

The goal for every believer is to live in an atmosphere where God can manifest, not the enemy.

What Opens the Door to Demonic Influence in Your Life?

What you allow into your mind and heart matters more than most people realize. Entertainment is not neutral. Horror movies, immoral content, and anything that stirs up fear or lust does not just entertain you. It opens a door.

When you sit through content filled with fear, you are tuning yourself into a Spirit of fear. When you consume sexually immoral content, you are opening yourself to spirits of lust. You may walk away thinking it was just a movie, but something followed you home.

The Bible is clear: resist the devil and he will flee. But you cannot resist what you keep inviting in.

How Does God Actually Work in Your Life?

Here is something many believers miss: God is a very natural God. He works through the physical world, through people, and through circumstances. He does not usually bypass the natural to do something for you. More often, He works through you and through others He brings into your life.

Romans 1 tells us that creation itself reveals the glory of God. He speaks through His Word. He works through governing authorities. He moves through the church and through spiritual leaders. When you ignore or reject these natural channels, you are not just rejecting people. You are rejecting the way God has chosen to reach you.

What Does the Bible Say About Respecting Authority?

Romans 13:1-4 is direct on this: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil... For he is God's minister to you for good."

Notice it does not say God will bring judgment on those who resist. It says they bring judgment on themselves. They are drawing it in by their own choices and attitudes.

This applies to law enforcement, government, taxes, and church leadership. Honoring these authorities is honoring God. Dishonoring them is dishonoring God, and it opens the door to consequences you do not want.

Why You Cannot Afford to Isolate Yourself from the Church

Some people believe they can walk with God without being connected to a local church. But isolation removes you from God's protection, His accountability, and His ability to speak into your life through others.

You cannot be spot-free without a spotlight. You cannot stay on the path of life without people around you who will hold you accountable. The Word of God holds you accountable, and God uses people to do the same.

Hebrews 10:25 warns us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. This is not a suggestion. It is a safeguard.

What Did Jesus Mean When He Wept Over Jerusalem?

In Luke 13:34, Jesus cried out: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!"

He was not talking about Himself being rejected. He was talking about the prophets and messengers He had sent. The people said they loved God, but they rejected and stoned the ones He sent to help them. And in doing so, they rejected God Himself.

Then in Luke 19:44, Jesus wept over the city and said they would be destroyed "because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Missing your time of visitation has real consequences.

What Is a "Time of Visitation" and How Do You Recognize It?

A time of visitation is when God is actively moving in your direction, calling you to meet with Him or sending someone to help you. A church service can be a time of visitation. A special meeting, a word spoken over you, a moment of correction from a pastor, all of these can be God showing up in the natural.

The danger is treating these moments casually. Skipping a service because something else came up. Dismissing a word of correction because it stings. Rejecting a spiritual leader because of pride or past hurt.

God connects dots. He brings pieces of the answer over time, through different people and different moments. But if you keep closing the door, the pieces never come together.

Why Do People Miss What God Is Doing?

There is a Spirit described in Scripture as the Spirit of antichrist. One of its defining characteristics is that it refuses to acknowledge God coming in the flesh. It spiritualizes everything to the point where it removes God from the natural entirely.

This shows up when people reject the laying on of hands, dismiss healing as demonic, or refuse to honor those God has sent to them. It is the same Spirit that moved through the Pharisees when they accused Jesus of casting out demons by the ruler of demons.

If you are not sure about something, the wisest thing you can do is stay quiet. Do not call what you do not understand demonic. Test the spirits against Scripture, and if you are uncertain, hold your tongue.

What Happens When You Keep Rejecting God's Messengers?

Jesus said in Luke 13:35: "Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

The condition for seeing God move in your life is learning to bless and receive those He sends to you. When you reject them, you reject Him. When you receive them, you receive Him.

Matthew 10:40 confirms this: "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

How Does God Answer Prayer?

Many people pray and then wait for something to materialize out of thin air. But that is not usually how God works. He answers prayer through a process. He knocks, and when you open the door, He brings one piece. You apply it. He knocks again and brings another. Over time, the answer is built.

If you are praying for something but ignoring the correction, the instruction, and the people He is sending, you are blocking the very process through which your answer comes. You cannot sow cucumbers and expect tomatoes, no matter how sincerely you pray for them.

John 15:7 puts it plainly: "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

Life Application

This week, pay attention to how God is trying to reach you through the natural. That means through His Word, through your pastor, through a friend who speaks truth into your life, through the church service you almost skipped.

Your challenge this week is to open every door He knocks on. Receive correction without defensiveness. Honor the authorities in your life, both in society and in the church. Close the doors you have been leaving open to the enemy through entertainment, bitterness, or isolation.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Am I recognizing God when He shows up in the natural, or am I waiting for something more dramatic?
- Are there doors I have been opening to the enemy through what I watch, listen to, or dwell on?
- Have I been rejecting or dishonoring someone God sent into my life to help me?
- Am I showing up consistently to the places and moments where God has promised to meet with me?
- Is my prayer life aligned with what I am actually sowing in my daily choices?

Do not miss your time of visitation. God is knocking. Open the door.

Quotes

1. "God is present everywhere, but His presence isn't manifested everywhere!"
2. "Fear and oppression are the devil's work, not God's will!"
3. "What entertains you can determine what spirit influences you!"
4. "God is ready to move, but you must open the door!"
5. "Our supernatural God often works through natural means!"
6. "Don't just ask God to move; be ready for Him to move through you!"
7. "The primary way God teaches you is through His Word!"
8. "Your harvest is determined by the seeds you sow!"

9. "You can't sow cucumbers and expect God to give you tomatoes!"
10. "Church attendance isn't a suggestion; it's a biblical instruction!"
11. "You weren't designed to grow spiritually without pastoral oversight!"
12. "When your moment of manifestation comes, be ready!"
13. "Following Jesus means surrendering your right to call the shots!"
14. "It's not the vessel that makes the difference; it's the God flowing through it!"
15. "God doesn't just want to visit your life; He wants to manifest Himself through it!"
16. "Don't be so spiritually distracted that you miss your divine visitation!"
17. "Missing a meeting with God could mean missing what you've been praying for!"
18. "God often reveals His plan one step at a time, not all at once!"
19. "Don't miss your moment when God comes knocking!"
20. "Honor the vessel, but keep your eyes on the God who uses it!"

Verses

1. Acts 10:38
2. Romans 1
3. Romans 13:1-6
4. Luke 19:39-44
5. Luke 13:34-35
6. Hebrews 10:25
7. 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

Summary

God is not distant. He is actively working through the natural world, through people, through the church, and through His Word to reach you every single day. Being omnipresent is not the same as being in manifestation everywhere. Where fear, sickness, and oppression exist, that is the enemy at work, not God. What you allow into your mind and heart through entertainment, relationships, and habits either opens the door to God or to demonic influence. God most often works through natural means, and if you are waiting for something supernatural to fall from the sky, you may be missing the answers He is already sending. Honoring authority, staying connected to the church, and aligning your prayers with your actions

are not optional extras. They are the conditions through which God moves. He is knocking. The question is whether you are opening the door.