

Time Marches On

April 11, 2021

10:30 AM

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

DIVINE WISDOM

FALLEN WORLD

The Book of Ecclesiastes



Our text today looks at the idea of time and the ultimate reality of how time works. The ultimate reality for how we view time boils down to how we view the world. Do we view things through the lens of our own control and power or through the lens of God? As we've seen throughout our study of Ecclesiastes, perspective matters.

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Songs of Praise

*Belong to You
Here As In Heaven*

Announcements

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

The eighth commandment forbids whatever does or may unjustly hinder our own or our

neighbour's wealth and material well-being.

Q. 76. Which is the ninth commandment?

The ninth commandment is: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

Song of Declaration

No Longer Slaves

Sermon - Time Marches On

Sermon Scripture - [Ecclesiastes 3:1-15](#)

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A Change in Perspective

From the vantage underneath, little is visible but snarls and knots. But above, the beautiful pattern of the work on the loom can be seen. As Solomon has shown, we live our lives under the loom, and everything we see is vanity. So how can we see the pattern above? The only possible answer is through faith in a sovereign God." - Douglas Wilson

Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand. - Heidelberg Catechism #27

- [Romans 8:28](#)

Knowing God

to fear God is to revere him and to tremble at his mighty power. - Philip Ryken

Song of Response

Benediction

1. What are the common beliefs you hear people use when talking about how life works (fate, chance, yin and yang)?
2. What are the most common influences for people today? Where are people getting their worldview?
3. Do you find it difficult to see God's big picture in your life? Can you see how He is God is at work even in your day to day life?
4. Read the Heidelberg Catechism #27 (above). Does our view of God's providence change how we view the world?
5. Solomon says we should fear God. Do you agree with this statement? What is meant by fear?
6. What has been your biggest takeaway from our study of Ecclesiastes so far?