

August 27th – A Time for Everything

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.” (Ecc. 3:1)

And you thought these words were part of a Byrds song released in 1965! To the contrary, these words go all the way back to wisest man who ever lived – Solomon. In beautiful, picturesque language he reminds us that there is a time for everything that happens. Of course, that includes all the good times – the birth of a child, being healed of a disease, laughing with friends. I don’t know about you, but as I look back through life, I have much to be thankful for. God has blessed me with some great family and friends who have transformed my life. He’s provided my every need. I thank God for all the good things of life!

But as there is a time for all those mountaintop experiences, there is also time for the valley. There is a time to die, a time to weep, and a time to mourn. We welcome the mountains of life, but we dread the valleys. If this verse does anything, it should remind us that our human experience is going to be filled with all sorts of outcomes and emotions. We will experience the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. When the hard times come, we must remember the words of this passage. God has sovereign control over everything that happens on this earth, and He can see us through the good times and the bad.

While we don’t know what the future holds, if know Jesus we know the One who holds the future. We do well to remember that “He has made everything beautiful in its time” (Ecc. 3:11). No matter what, let’s continue to hold on to the One who holds all things in His hands.