

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

**We trust God's perfect timing because it's intentional and achieves His purpose**

**Waiting on God's timing**

- Development of Circumstances
- Development of Maturity

**Ecclesiastes 3****1. God's Appointed Seasons (v. 1-8)**

- A time for everything under God's direction and control

**2. God gives meaning through His eternal purpose (v. 9-15)**

- Ecclesiastes 3:9-11
  - Recalls the description of creation in Genesis 1
  - "good"/"beauty" of creation was maintained by God's sovereignty
  - "Eternity in man's heart" = There is more to life than this
- Ecclesiastes 3:12-15
  - Comparison between God and Humanity
    - God is unchanging, Humanity is futile
    - What God does cannot be undone, What man does it undone in a generation
    - What God does is forever, What man does is temporary

- **God is worthy of Trust because He is nothing like humanity**

**3. God will deal with injustice (v. 16-22)**

- Ecclesiastes 3:16-18
  - Even the things that are supposed to be 'good' in human life are corrupted by sin
    - confronted with the observation of injustice = faith in the ultimate justice of God
- Ecclesiastes 3:19-21
  - Human limitation establishes the value of their trust in God - Confidence evil will not triumph
- Ecclesiastes 3:22 - God gives humanity the ability to enjoy life

## **Life is governed by God's God's Perfect Timing, rather than human control**

- **Trust in God's timing in Every Season**
  - God is working according to His perfect plan
  - Instead of becoming discouraged by difficult circumstances
    - Believers can remain faithful
    - Every season serves a greater purpose
      - Suffering serves a purpose (Phil 3:7-8)
        - Put us at odds with the world (Gal 1:10)
        - Make us to be more like Christ (Gal 2:20/Phil 1:29)
- **Live each day with an Eternal Perspective**
  - God has placed eternity in the heart of man
  - God is going to judge the world
    - We prioritize obedience, worship, and faithful service over temporary pursuits
  - Daily blessings should be enjoyed with gratitude, while living in reverence before God.