

RHYTHMS

SAVOR THIS SEASON — STRENGTHEN THE NEXT

—Temptation of _____ (Looking Backward)

—Anticipation of _____ (Looking Forward)

JAMES 5:7

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

TITUS 2:13

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

FLOURISHING IN SUMMER

WHEN LIFE ON EARTH TASTES A LITTLE LIKE HEAVEN

Pastor Cary Schmidt | Sunday, March 7, 2021

PSALM 107:33–38

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GENESIS 8:22

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.



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1. ENJOY _____

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ACTS 14:17

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. (Paul describing God to the Gentiles in Lystra)

GALATIANS 5:22–25

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (Paul writing the same believers about a transformed life)

Three Qualities of Summer Fruitfulness:

2. PREVENT _____

—The Heat of _____

God's warning to Moab—ISAIAH 16:9–10

9 Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen. 10 And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting to cease.

God's warning to Israel—AMOS 8:1–2

1 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. 2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

Jeremiah' lament over Israel's missed opportunity—JEREMIAH 8:20

20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

—The Dryness of _____

PSALM 32:4

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

DEUTERONOMY 4:9

9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

PSALM 103:1–5

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

3. SAVOR _____

LUKE 21:29–31

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; 30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. 31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.