

# Ecclesiastes 3:1–22

## “Time After Time”

### Sermon Outline

Time... Then there will be a time... Because there was a time... that makes our time—and the time to come—worth it.

### The Timeliness of God’s Word

Don’t get so caught up in our “time” that we forget there is One who isn’t bound by time but rules over it. Parade metaphor \*\*\*

### The Sovereign, Providential Work of God Produces:

1. Perspective in the Parade (vv. 1–8)
  - “Under heaven”
  - Everything has a season, and there is a time for every matter
  - Two opposites and everything in between
  - Merism — a rhetorical device where a whole is expressed by naming its extreme parts
2. Purpose in the Perplexity (vv. 9–15)
3. Patience in the Plan (vv. 16–22)

### God Is Always on Time

- Galatians 4:4 — the time He came
- John 7:30 — His hour had not yet come
- Romans 5:6 — at the right time Christ died
- 1 Corinthians 15:4 — raised at the right time
- Hebrews 9:27–28 — just as He came the first time, He will come a second time

### Small Group Discussion

- 1 How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture and sermon Sunday morning? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?
- 2 How does recognizing God’s timing in both the highs and lows of life help our perspective during seasons we don’t understand?
- 3 When life feels confusing or meaningless, how can trusting God’s sovereign plan give us purpose and peace—even when answers aren’t immediately clear?
- 4 What does it look like to develop patience in God’s plan without becoming apathetic or bitter? How can we encourage each other to stay hopeful while waiting?

- 5 What does it mean to you when we say, “God is always on time”? Specifically, how do we see this in God’s redemptive plan—from the incarnation to the second coming of Christ?