



## A LESSON IN TIME

Ecclesiastes 3

8-15-21

**1. A human problem: Time tells us there are \_\_\_\_\_, and this can lead me to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. We know \_\_\_\_\_! We know that we \_\_\_\_\_ enough of it!
- B. So time means there is timing; a \_\_\_\_\_ time, and a \_\_\_\_\_ time, and that points to the deep issue of \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. We can't \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*“Show me, O LORD, my life’s end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life. You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man’s life is but a breath. Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro: He bustles about, but only in vain; he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it. “But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you. Save me from all my transgressions.” Psalms 39:4-8*

**2. Good news: \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_, controls my times.**

*“But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.” Psalms 31:14-15*

- A. God is indeed \_\_\_\_\_ over your life.
- B. We are not the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives so much as the \_\_\_\_\_ of them.

**3. My lack of control over time tells me to \_\_\_\_\_ who does rule over it.**

*v14 “I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.”*

- A. Pagan wisdom concludes that you must follow \_\_\_\_\_ into whatever makes you \_\_\_\_\_. But Ecclesiastes says to follow \_\_\_\_\_ for happiness and accept it as a \_\_\_\_\_ from him.
- B. We fail to revere God when we ignore his designs and his perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

### Conclusion:

The \_\_\_\_\_ of time also allows the presence of \_\_\_\_\_!

*“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Matthew 6:33, 34, NIV*