Sunday, May 2, 2021 | Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

David H. McKinley

• • •

"Each of the four seasons offers fresh and vital insights for those who take the time to look and to think. Hidden beneath the surface are colorful yet silent truths that touch most every area across the landscape of our lives. As each three-month segment of every year holds its own mysteries and plays its own set of melodies, offering sights and smells, feelings and fantasies, altogether distinct, so it is in the seasons of life. The Master is neither mute or careless as He alters our times and changes our seasons. How wrong to trudge blindly and routinely through a lifetime of changing seasons without discovering answers to the new mysteries and learning to sing the new melodies! Seasons are designed to deepen us, to instruct us in the wisdom and ways of God. To help us grow strong… like a tree planted by the rivers of water."

—Charles Swindoll

[1]For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: [2]a time to be born, and a time to die… [11]He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

—Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a, 11

In the seasons of life…

1. Recognize Change is _____

2. Realize Change Makes Us Feel _____

3. Remember the Need to Remain _____

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

—Ecclesiastes 3:11

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. —John 12:24

Notes:

"It may be true that wise young believers are very rare. But it is no less true that zealous old believers are very rare also."
—J.C. Ryle

[1]God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble… [10]"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
—Psalm 46:1, 10

4. Rely on God Who is _____ and _____

The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations. —Psalm 33:11

"For I the LORD do not change." —Malachi 3:6a

God is not man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it? —Numbers 23:19

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. —James 1:17

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
—Hebrews 13:8

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. —Genesis 50:20

[8]But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. [9]The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
—2 Peter 3:8-9

Notes:

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are from The ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

WARREN
A WAY OF LIFE

David H. McKinley, Pastor-Teacher

davidhmckinley.com