

*He set the world in their hearts*

Yesterday's message showed us what God can do with us in missions. Today I would like you to see what God has done for the world in Missions.

*<sup>1</sup>To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: <sup>2</sup>A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; <sup>3</sup>A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; <sup>7</sup>A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. <sup>9</sup>What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. <sup>11</sup>He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-11***

This famed chapter on time helps give us insight to how the omnipotent hand of God has touched the hearts of man, his creation for the purpose of saving all men. God has placed inside of man a sense that this is not all. Man searches and seeks for something that is missing. However it is the purpose of every believer to show them that the missing “something” is really “someone.”

God's plan has been to redeem ALL of mankind to himself. The word of God stands in confrontation to those who claim to be amongst the theologically elite, but who are really evangelistically lazy.

Genesis 2:7 He breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life. When that took place scripture teaches us:

- Man became a living soul. Gen 2:7
- God wired man for light. John 1:9
- God set the world in their heart Ecclesiastes 3:11

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- This is not the word that would indicate the sphere on which we live.
- This is not the word that would point to this world's system.
- This is not the word that would point to this world's sin
- This is the word that would speak of time.
  - Considering the context.
  - Considering the definition.
- God placed the world in the sense of time without boundary, eternity in their heart. **I love you bigger than...**

Puzzle Illustration...

Eccl. 3:1-11 Helps every mission's hearted believer to see what God has done so man could find him.

**I. So His creatures could find him He gave man time. 1-8**

*Time in the sense of events.*

A. Time touches our homes. 1-3

1. Births and Deaths.
2. Planting and Harvest.
3. Killing and Healing.
4. Breaking and Building.

B. Time touches our hearts. 4

1. Weeping and Laughing.
2. Mourning and Dancing.
3. Casting and Gathering Stones.
4. Embracing and Refraining from Embracing.

- C. Time touches our hope.
  - 1. Get and lose.
  - 2. Keep and Cast.
  - 3. Rend and Sew
  - 4. Silence and Speaking.
  - 5. Love and Hate.
  - 6. War and Peace.

**II. So his creatures could find Him, He gave man Travail.**

- A. Travail so man's labors could not satisfy the soul.
- B. Travail so man's Leisure could not satisfy the soul.
- C. Travail so man's living could not satisfy the soul.

**III. So his creatures could find Him, He gave man Treasures.**

- A. Treasures that reveal the beauty he gives in exchange for ashes.
- B. How he exchanges the oil of joy for mourning.
- C. It is the caterpillar who becomes the butterfly.
- D. It is the diamond that come from the lump of coal.

**IV. So his creatures could find Him, He gave man Truth.**

- A. The truth of a Heavenly Father.
- B. The truth of Forever.
- C. The truth of Forgiveness.
- D. The truth of Freedom.