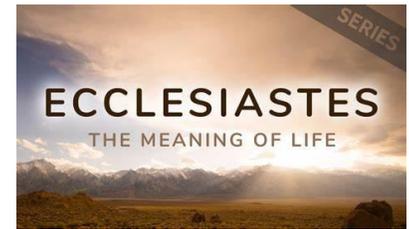


Questions Through Ecclesiastes

Lesson 1: What Does a Time for Everything Mean and What Does a Time to Be Born and a Time to Die Mean?



- * This passage in Ecclesiastes 3 is a well-known passage that deals with the _____, cyclical nature of life and says that there is a proper time for everything under the sun.
- * In this passage, the _____ says that there is a time for every _____ in life. He illustrates this truth by comparing opposites: _____ pairs of contrasting activities as examples of how life is comprised of various seasons.
- * A straightforward reading of the passage reveals several concepts:
- * First, the _____ of our activities is important.
- * Second, these _____ in which certain pursuits are proper are appointed by God.
- * A key to this passage is found a few verses later in (v. 11). The _____ activity at the _____ time, bringing about God's _____, is a beautiful part of God's overall plan.
- * Third, (vv. 1-8) serves as a _____ between the first two chapters and the section that follows. People are to accept each day as a gift from the hand of God (2:24–26). Why? Because God has a reason and a time for all things. People may be ignorant of God's _____ (vv. 9-11), but they are _____ to enjoy life in the present (vv. 12-13) and _____ in God's sovereignty (vv. 14-15).
- * God offers much wisdom in the saying, "*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*" God is _____. Our activity in this world is meaningful as we rely on His _____, His _____, and His _____.
- * Looking back over his own life and considering the sovereignty of God, King Solomon penned the words in (vv. 1-2). Solomon had observed that life consists of a series of _____ and _____, and God is the ultimate authority over them all.
- * With the statement "*there is a time to be born and a time to die,*" Solomon acknowledged that, from start to finish, every _____ in every _____ of the cycle of life is _____ by God.
- * In (vv. 1-8), Solomon presents a catalog of contrasting seasons and times (birth and death, planting and harvest, killing and healing, etc.). Together, these pairings _____ a sense of all human activity in its myriad forms.

- * While appearing to be opposites, a time to be born and a time to die are instead _____, both having their appropriate place in the rhythm of ever-changing seasons and cycles of life.
- * In the original language, the word translated as “be born” is the active verb form “_____.”
- * Every human life has a determined _____, and within its duration there are meaningful _____. There is an appointed time for every person to be born and a time to die (Job 14:5, Heb. 9:27).
- * _____ is typically a joyous and celebratory season in life (John 16:21; Ps. 113:9; 127:3). On the other hand, _____ generally is a grievous and mournful time. Yet God has a good purpose for everything that takes place between one’s birth and death (Rom. 8:28).
- * Scripture’s promise that our _____ and _____ are in God’s hands, we can trust that there’s no such thing as an untimely death.
- * There is a time to be born and a time to die ought also to remind us of Christ’s encouragement not to be _____ about our everyday lives. In (Matt. 6:25–34), Jesus taught that life is more than _____ and _____.
- * Neither should we because _____ won’t add a single moment to our lives. We can trust that God, who knows our needs from beginning to end, will love and care for us all of our days.