

THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD #5

THE TIME

ECC 3:1 To every [thing there is] a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

ROM 13:11 And that, knowing the time,

Dreams, placement, a person, a sign and now timing are evidences of the providence of God.

Timing is so vital to our destiny. We can have all the above and miss our appointment. We must know our time.

ECC 3:1 To every [thing there is] a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

ECC 3:2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up [that which is] planted;

ECC 3:3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

ECC 3:4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

ECC 3:5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

ECC 3:6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

ECC 3:7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

ECC 3:8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

We may attempt to force our destiny, our place, and our time and miss what God has for us. We must be spiritually wise to know when to step forward.

God has special appointments for us based on time.

1. A time for your BIRTH Ecc 3 1

A. God has chosen your time of birth.

GEN 17:21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

GEN 21:2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

B. Our birth is directly related to our destiny.

GAL 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

JUD 13:3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou [art] barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

JUD 13:4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean [thing]:

JUD 13:5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

Delay in child bearing in scripture always brought forth a special child. Isaac, Samson, John Baptist, Joseph, etc.

2. A time of PREPARATION to seize our moment.

A. Esther

B. Moses at the age of 80

C. David- learning to play, sing and write music. It would be his instrument that would open the door for this man of war and leadership to face Goliath. The rest is history.

D. John the Baptist in the wilderness.

E. Jephthah

F. Jesus spent 30 years preparing for his moment.

G. We are to be prepared at all times.

2TI 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Instant: 2186 ephistemi, ef-is'-tay-mee; from 1909 and 2476; to stand upon, i.e. be present (in various applications, friendly or otherwise, usually lit.): - assault, come (in, to, unto, upon), be at hand (instant), present, stand (before, by, over).

In season: 2121 eukairos, yoo'-kahee-ros; from 2095 and 2540; well-timed, i.e. opportune:-convenient, in time of need.

Out of season: 171 akairos, ak-ah'-ee-roce; adv. from the same as 170; inopportunately:-out of season.

3. A time of the OPEN DOOR to step into our destiny.

When is it time?

A. When you have been given the sign, it is time to act.

2SA 5:23 And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; [but] fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

2SA 5:24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

B. When you are called for.

2KI 3:10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

2KI 3:11 But Jehoshaphat said, [Is there] not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here [is] Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

2KI 3:12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

2KI 3:13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

2KI 3:14 And Elisha said, [As] the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

2KI 3:15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

It took a prophet and a minstrel to bring the word of the Lord.

C. When the Spirit moves on you.

MAT 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

MAT 4:11 ¶ Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

LUK 4:13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

LUK 4:14 ¶ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and

MAT 4:12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

MAT 4:13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

MAT 4:14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

MAT 4:15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, [by] the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

MAT 4:16 ¶ The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

MAT 4:17 ¶ From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Jesus was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness, defeats the temptation of the devil and returns in the power of the Spirit. Then he began to preach when he heard of John the Baptist being put in prison. Another voice must be heard...The Son of God.

That example was followed by the disciples of Jesus. They were given clear instruction not to begin their ministry until they had received “power from on high”.

ACS 1:4 And, being assembled together with [them], commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, [saith he], ye have heard of me.

ACS 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

4. A time of PRODUCTIVITY.

A. To harvest

GAL 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

B. To bless others

PSA 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

2CO 8:14 But by an equality, [that] now at this time your abundance [may be a supply] for their want, that their abundance also may be [a supply] for your want: that there may be equality:

C. To bring victory

Battles are won, Goliaths fall, the lame man leaps for joy, the Red Sea rolls back, Peter gets out of jail supernaturally, the kingdom of God is advanced.