



Sermon: Time

Psalm 90:10,12

TIME

- **Psalm 90:10** - The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- **Psalm 90:12** - - So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

A Set Amount of Time

- Each person has a set amount of time in this life. “The years of our life ...”
- **Psalm 90:5-6** - You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

God Does Not Measure Time as We Do

- **Psalm 90:4** - - For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.
- **2 Peter 3:8** - - 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.

What Happened to Time?

- When as a child I laughed and wept, time crept.
- When as a youth I dreamed and talked, time walked.
- When I became a full grown man, time ran.
- And later as I older grew, time flew.
- Soon I shall find while traveling on, time gone.

The Trap of Earthly Pleasure and Fame

- **James 4:13-14** - 13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

Parable of the Rich Fool

- **Luke 12:18-20** - 18 And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ 20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

The Danger of Loving Money

- **Ecclesiastes 5:10-11** - 10 He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. 11 When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes?

Forgotten to the World

- **Ecclesiastes 9:5-6** - 5 For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun.

Personal Accountability to God

- How will we spend the time given by God?
- **2 Corinthians 5:10** - 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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Warning Against Idleness

- **2 Thessalonians 3:6** - 6 Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us.

Personal Accountability

- Peter says we will be held accountable for the types of things we do with our time.
- **1 Peter 4:3** - 3 For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.
- **1 Peter 4:5** - 5 but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Life Can Either be “Toil and Trouble” or Redeemed

- **Psalm 49:12-14** - Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish. This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.

Life Can Either be “Toil and Trouble” or Redeemed

- Sin has a “pleasure” but it is only for a short time. Short-term sin is pleasure—but long term sin is suffering.
- **Hebrews 11:24-25** - 24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Life Can Either be “Toil and Trouble” or Redeemed

- If we live according to God’s principles—then our lives won’t be wasted.
- **Psalm 49:15** - But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.

This Life is Laboring for God – Our Efforts are not in Vain

- **1 Corinthians 15:58** - 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Consciously and Intentionally Plan and Live out the Time that We Have

- Personal Discipline

- **1 Corinthians 9:27** - 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

How Will You Use Your Time in 2021?

Service to Others

- **1 John 3:18** - 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.
- **Matthew 5:16** - 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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Service to Others

- **Galatians 6:2** - 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- **Galatians 6:9-10** - 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- **James 1:27** - 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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Words of Encouragement – Taming the Tongue

- **James 1:26** - 26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.
- **James 3:5** - 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.
- **James 3:9-10** - 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

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Words of Encouragement – Taming the Tongue

- **1 Thessalonians 5:11** - 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
- **Ephesians 4:29** - 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

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Evangelism – Spreading the Gospel

- **Matthew 28:18-20** - 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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- **Acts 20:24** - 24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.