

God Has a Clock

I. To live wisely and fruitfully in this life we need to think about time from God's point of view (Psalm 90:12).

- A. God lives outside of time yet pays strict attention to times and seasons on the earth (Psalm 90:1-4; Ecclesiastes 3:1).
- B. The way God walked with Israel as a people is very instructive. He asked them to invest significant time and energy in worship and community through various sacred days and festivals (e.g., Passover, Pentecost, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles).
 - 1. Reflecting on past victories in our redemptive history
 - 2. Relationally connecting with God and the community of God
 - 3. Investing of tithes and offerings
 - 4. Praying for future blessing from God
 - 5. Prophesying future worldwide purposes of God
- C. Example of the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles

II. Recognizing the “kairos moments” of our lives

- A. There are two Greek words for time.
 - 1. Chronos: clock or calendar time—It is how we measure time on earth.
 - 2. Kairos: refers to the right, critical, or opportune time—“For such a time as this” (Esther 4:14), “Making the most of every opportunity” Ephesians 5:15-17)
- B. We need to discern God's “kairos moments” and respond to them (Luke 19:42-44; Mark 5:30-34).
- C. “Kairos moments” are usually accompanied by unusual acceleration and unusual manifestations of God's power. Our part is to recognize, be courageous, and endure, e.g., Nehemiah; Jonathan, son of Saul (I Sam.14:6-15).
- D. God's clock (timing) is your friend. Many breakthroughs come gradually. Paying attention to progress and God's wisdom path out of the wilderness is critical.
- E. Fear, impatience, and intimidation blind us to God's “kairos moments.”

III. Redeeming the past (Joel 2:18, 23-27)

- A. “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten” (Joel 2:25).
- B. God can restore a lot in a short amount of time.
- C. One of the first things God restores is communion—the joy of knowing Jesus and His plans for you (Jeremiah 29:11-13; John 10:10).
- D. God gives long-term gains for short-term loss. This is the story of the cross (Isaiah 53:10-11; 54:1-5, 11-17).

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