

# WHATSOEVER GOD DOETH IT SHALL BE FOREVER ECCLESIASTES 3

Text: Ecc. 3:14

(Ecclesiastes 3:14) "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him."

Introduction:

Solomon is still looking at life, its phases, the things thought to bring happiness, as well the results of things that didn't.

Notice as he is now looking at the phases of life and his appraisal of them.

## **1. CHANGEABLE (VS 2-8)**

(Ecclesiastes 3:2-8) "A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; {3} A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; {4} A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; {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; {6} A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; {7} A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; {8} A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."

A. Birth and death.

(Hebrews 9:27) "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

B. Planting and harvesting.

C. Killing and healing.

D. Breaking down and building up.

E. Weeping and laughing.

F. Mourning and rejoicing.

G. Casting away and gathering stones.

H. Embracing and not embracing.

I. Getting and losing.

J. Keeping and casting away.

K. Rending and sewing.

L. Silence and speaking.

M. Loving and hating (Christians should hate the things God hates.)

(Psalms 97:10) "Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked."

(Proverbs 6:16-19) "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: {17} A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, {18} An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, {19} A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

N. War and peace.

Man can look beyond the daily routine but God still has not revealed all of life's mysteries to a man.

## **2. CONSTANT (v 14)**

(Ecclesiastes 3:14) "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him."

## A. Salvation is forever.

(Isaiah 51:6) "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished."

### 1. Were saved from the:

- a. Penalty of sin.
- b. Power of sin.
- c. Pollution of sin.

### 2. Salvation is the will of God.

(Hebrews 10:7) "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God."

(2 Peter 3:9) "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

### 3. Salvation's work is once for all.

(Hebrews 10:10) "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

B. Scripture is forever.

(Psalms 119:89) "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."

1. Infallible
2. Inerrant
3. Inspired

C. The Trinity is forever.

1. Jesus is forever.

(Matthew 28:20) "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

2. The Holy Spirit is forever.

(John 14:16) "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;"

3. God the Father is Forever.

(Hebrews 13:5) "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

D. Our security is forever.

1. We have an eternal dwelling place.

(Psalms 23:6) "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."

2. We have eternal righteousness in Him.

(Psalms 111:3) "His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever."

3. We have eternal redemption in Him.

(Hebrews 9:12) "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

4. We will one day have eternal reign with Him.

(Revelation 22:5) "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for

the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

E. The sinner that dies lost will be punished forever.

(Revelation 14:11) "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

Close:

Things happen each and every day that we live, but may we allow these things to bring us closer to the Lord.