

3. Christ's love for the Church (Ephesians 3:14-19)
  4. The extent of Christ's love for the Church (Ephesians 5:21-27)
  5. Our love for the brethren (1 John 3:14; 4:20, 21)
  6. Brotherly kindness should abound (2 Peter 1:5-9)
    - a. These things should be in us
    - b. These things should abound
- ii. A time to hate
1. In some instances in scripture it can signify to "love less."
    - a. To hate father and mother (Luke 14:26)
    - b. One that spares the rod, hates his son (Proverbs 13:24)
  2. In other cases it means to truly hate someone or something
    - a. Hated for Christ's sake (Luke 6:22)
    - b. Hatred for knowledge (Proverbs 1:29)
    - c. To hate evil (Psalm 97:10)
    - d. To hate every false way (Psalm 119:104)
    - e. To hate vain thoughts (Psalm 119:113)
    - f. To hate lying (Psalm 119:163)
    - g. To hate those that hate God (Psalm 139:21-22)
    - h. Things that the LORD hates (Proverbs 6:16-19)
      - i. A proud look
      - ii. A lying tongue
      - iii. Hands that shed innocent blood
      - iv. A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations
      - v. Feet swift in running to mischief
      - vi. A false witness
      - vii. He that soweth discord among brethren
    - i. The fear of the LORD is to hate some things (Proverbs 8:12-13)
      - i. Evil
      - ii. Pride
      - iii. Arrogancy
      - iv. Evil way
      - v. Froward mouth
- n. A time of war, and a time of peace (Ecclesiastes 3:8)
- i. A time of war
    1. The LORD taught David how to fight (Psalm 144:1)
    2. The LORD had the children of Israel to fight and destroy certain groups of people in the land that they were to possess (1 Samuel 15:1-3)

- ii. A time of peace
  - 1. Solomon knew peace in his day (1 Kings 5:2-4)
  - 2. Peace for Israel in the Kingdom (1,000 year reign) (Ezekiel 37:25-28)

### III. THE PROFIT OF EVERYTHING THAT IS DONE (Ecclesiastes 3:9-15)

- a. The Profit and Loss of it All (Ecclesiastes 3:9-10)
  - i. The timing of it all (Ecclesiastes 3:9, 10a)
    - 1. We have just went over many different things that require the right timing in order for those things to be done right and decently in order (1 Corinthians 14:40). (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)
    - 2. If the above things are done at the wrong time (even for good reasons) they can alter one's life in such a way that that person may never be as effective as they could have been in their life, whether for the Lord or in a secular way. It may even cost someone their life. (Ecclesiastes 3:3, 8)
      - a. If you mess up the timing, you may very well mess up the life. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)
        - i. You say something at the wrong time, when you should have stayed quiet.
        - ii. You love something or someone that you shouldn't have.
        - iii. You start something that you know you shouldn't have.
      - b. There are many critical decisions that have to be made in one's life that include timing.
        - i. When to buy a house
        - ii. When to take a new job
        - iii. When to get married
        - iv. Who to marry
        - v. Etc.
      - c. When and at what time a person does these things should be taken seriously and sought out in prayer. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
      - d. Some things that are done cannot be changed (example: King David – Psalm 51), yet for us today we (saved) have become a new creature(s) (2 Corinthians 5:17)

- ii. The Profit (Gain) and Labour of it all (Ecclesiastes 3:9-10)
  - 1. What profit is there “under the sun?” (Ecclesiastes 1:3; 2:11)
  - 2. What profit is there for those that labour for the wind? (Ecclesiastes 5:16)
  - 3. Labour for the profit that comes from God (1 Samuel 12:20-22)
    - a. The Lord taught them how to profit... “...by the way which thou shouldest go.” (Isaiah 48:17)
    - b. The Lord will direct the path (Proverbs 3:5-6)
      - i. From the Lord comes wisdom (Proverbs 2:6)
      - ii. The gain thereof is better than gold (Proverbs 3:13-14)
  - 4. The labour and travail for our training (Ecclesiastes 3:9-10)
    - a. For our good
    - b. For our faith
    - c. God sends us through trouble to remind us how much we really need Him.
- iii. God’s Hand Beautiful in (Ecclesiastes 3:11)
  - 1. His Timing – “every thing beautiful in his time” (Ecclesiastes 3:11a)
    - a. God’s ways our not our ways (Isaiah 55:8)
    - b. We should wait on God (Psalm 25:4-5; 27:14)
      - i. Waiting on God is one of our greatest problems.
      - ii. Without God we can’t get the timing right.
    - c. Is beautiful (Ecclesiastes 3:11a)
      - i. Under His guidance all things work together for good (Romans 8:28)
      - ii. Even the things that seem to be wrong (Romans 5:3-4; Revelation 3:19)
  - 2. His Work – “made every thing beautiful” (Ecclesiastes 3:11a) “the work that God maketh” (Ecclesiastes 3:11b)
    - a. He made it all (Ecclesiastes 3:11)
      - i. He (Christ) made all things (Colossians 1:15-18)
        - 1. They were created by Him
        - 2. And for Him
        - 3. He is the head of the Church
        - 4. That He might have the preeminence (Revelation 4:11)

3. From Beginning to End (Ecclesiastes 3:11c)
  - a. Because God hath placed the world in their (mans) hearts they cannot find out work that He does.
    - i. Note: Many of your modern versions change “world” to eternity.
    - ii. The problem with this is the fact that “world” explains to the reader why man cannot understand God’s ways, while “eternity” does not.
    - iii. The modern “scholars” have corrupted the word of God.
  - b. God knows and understands all that He does from the beginning (Acts 15:18; Isaiah 64:4)
  - c. The LORD inhabits eternity (Isaiah 57:15)
    - i. Therefore He is not bound by time like we are. He is able to look from eternity and see in time what will occur.
    - ii. Since He is not bound by time, it is not a hard thing for Him to be able to transcend time and work in and out of it.
    - iii. He is the Alpha and Omega (Revelation 1:8-20)