

Appointed Times!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 There is a time for everything, and a season (appointed time) for every activity under heaven:

2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to harvest...!

Due seasons are also called “appointed times” in scripture!

They refer to “the cycles of life and existence on earth of winter, spring, summer and fall” as well as the time of The festivals or feasts of The LORD.

The Feasts were the times God wanted to meet and celebrate with His people!

These feasts were God’s idea, God was The Host and His covenant people were the guests. **God was throwing them a party in His honor!**

A festival or feast is a joyous occasion, a time of celebrating the goodness of God in the land.

NLT Psalm 126:5 Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy.

6 They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.

Many of God’s people have sown during hard times!

- **Many of God’s people have gotten used to hard times and have not learned to receive the blessing of harvest and walk in good times!**

But your **due season** is come!

It’s time for us to expect a harvest from all hard work we have done!

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

If we truly believe we’ve been doing the will of God by sowing love, forgiveness, tithes, offerings and service then we should **expect a harvest!**

Since we’ve been doing all we know to serve God, **due season must come** and since it has to come **we can’t quit** no matter how hard things are!

ESV Proverbs 24:10 If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.

To fully understand this verse, we have to look at **verse 5.**

KJV Proverbs 24:5 A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

A wise man is strong and continues gaining strength!

Fainting, quitting or giving up when things get hard means we lack wisdom and understanding of the times, seasons and *Kairos moments!*

KJV Psalm 27:13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

What kept David from fainting was he understood seasons! David knew his season of victory over his enemies would come!

David knew he wasn't destined to live in a cave and run from his enemies all his life!

KJV Psalm 27:1 <A Psalm of David.> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

David faced much **tribulation**—he experienced 3 times the trouble!

❖ **He faced the wicked, enemies and foes!**

The wicked are ungodly evil doers, wicked comes from wicker and means twisted.

Their minds are twisted so their thoughts, plans and actions will be twisted—they will **never mean you in good!**

The word is also associated with the word *wicca* which means **wizard or witch.**

We need to understand when we are actively working the assignment God gave us witches, warlocks and wizards are sent to oppose us!

Another thing about the **wicked** is since they are sent by Satan they get into our lives by looking like friends—**wicked also means false!**

Enemies on the other hand are adversaries! They make it clear they hate us and will do everything in their power to stop us!

An enemy will tell people they hate you, while the wicked will pretend to like you while planning to destroy you!

Enemies hate us so much they can't pretend to like us, so they are always hateful and hostile toward us!

Another difference between the wicked and an enemy is, the wicked don't like anyone who serves God, while an enemy can hate you and like your best friend!

Foes are close enemies! Foe is related to the word fee! Fee in early history means "cattle" the earliest instrument of barter—so fee, cattle and barter mean "money".

People have always fought (**feuded**) over land for cattle! A feud is a war over land, property or money.

A **foe** then is anyone who fights you over what is rightfully yours! They seek to take what will make you healthy, wealthy and wise.

They want to take what's yours, so you have nothing to leave your children's children—they want your inheritance.

They want to control our future!

Lift your hands and pray this prayer:

"Father in The Name of Jesus Christ I claim the inheritance you have for me; and not only me but the things the past generations lost back 5 generations and the wisdom to know what to do with it!"

If we don't know what God has given us we will not know what to fight for!

ESV 1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

We need to elevate our spiritual discernment in this hour, so we not only know who our true enemies are, but also what God says is our in this season!

It's **due season** for a harvest, but what the harvest?

KJV 1 Chronicles 12:32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...

Why were the children of Issachar wise enough to understand the times and seasons?

ESV Genesis 49:14 "Issachar is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds. 15 When he sees that his resting place is good and that the land is pleasant, he will bend his back to the burden and will become a slave laborer.

When the tribe of Issachar was given their land of inheritance they recognized the best way to utilize the land and how to get the most from it.

Issachar bent his back and went to work in the land and made it produce!

They had the wisdom to recognize what God gave them and worked it until **due season** arrived.

Genesis 8:22 As long as the earth exists, planting and harvesting, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never stop."

We have entered a **Kairos** moment!

A moment when the divine intervenes in human history, a time when prophecies are fulfilled!

It's not the season to faint, quit or give up! It's the season to **believe and receive!**

It's the season to have our hands up (in worship) and our hands out (in expectation) from The Lord of the Harvest!