

## Time and Eternity

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### Scriptures:

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Isaiah 57:15

John 1:1-9

Hebrews 1:10-12

In my last reflection I looked at there being a time for every purpose under heaven, let's for a minute reflect on the last part of verse 11 below, what God has done from the beginning to the end.

### **Ecclesiastes 3:11**

*"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."*

It is evident from the passage prior to this, that there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time for the harvest. A time to kill, and a time to heal, a time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8)

The whole essence of this passage is that we are bound by time. None of us know exactly what Eternal life will bring us, but we know that if we follow Jesus and live in obedience to His commandments, we are promised to spend Eternity with Him

Eternity and time can be defined. Time began with creation, it has a beginning and an end. The Word created the universe, angels, myriads of beings, the world, the ages, the times and seasons all specifically designed as a seed bed for God's children to grow. He places each one in this spot called time, the right time and the right season for each to develop into the family that He saw before the foundation of the worlds. Both David and Jeremiah confirmed that God's family existed in the Eternal before they were carefully placed in this life for a short season, a place in history that was perfect for their advancement into the invisible. Time is a created entity, therefore, there is a future, a present and a past. The only part of time that actually exists is now, the past is gone, and the future is still to be revealed.

*And, Thou, Lord in the beginning has laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish, but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up and they shall be changed: but thou are the same, and they years shall not fail.*  
Hebrews 1:10-12

In contrast, everything in eternity is timeless. The concept of an Eternal Kingdom, that exists in the invisible realm is sometimes difficult to reconcile, but while time is a created entity, God is not. Time is a fleeting presence, while eternity is the abiding place of a master creator. Isaiah reveals Him as the high and lofty One that inhabits Eternity, whose name is Holy. Since time presently co-exists with eternity, many would try to reconcile an eternal God to a temporal kingdom, but our God is spirit and is unfettered by any form of constitution, law or defined dimension, Eternity is limitless.

God has created His family as eternal beings, all have a spirit; all have a soul. And it's written that God actually has put Eternity into the heart of every man, there is something eternal in the very depths of us as human beings. And it's very interesting, when you speak to people, almost without exception, you also experience that people know deep down inside that their life is going to go on forever. Whether they believe in Christ or whether they don't, there is something within mankind because God has placed it there: the light that lights every man in this world. All are conscious of a master creator and that there is something beyond the grave.

*That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world*  
*John 1:9*

The True Light of the world is the far-travelled Light of the world. The Creator of the universe Who voluntarily left His throne and made a portion of Himself visible, in doing so, created the greatest chasm that humanity could ever cross. He went from Infinite Majesty to death on a Roman cross. From "*the glory that I had with You before the world was*" to "*My God, My God why have You forsaken me*" that we might be ransomed from death to spend Eternity with Him.

**Prayer:** Father God, give us eyes to see beyond the limits of time and glimpse Eternity as we seek to know You more, Amen