

# Seasons of Time

**T**hroughout the annals of time, seasons have come and gone — some bad, some good. No matter what season we may find ourselves in, God has a purpose to be fulfilled. As born-again, Spirit-filled Christians, we have all been called according to God’s purposes, as Paul reminded young Timothy.

*2 Timothy 1:9* Who has saved and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

Just as King David was quoted in Scripture as serving the purpose of God for his generation,<sup>1</sup> God has also called us to serve our generation. Therefore, we should contemplate how we should respond to doing it. Just as the sons of Issachar understood their times and knew what the nation Israel was to do or how they were to respond to their particular season, so should we.

Do we know the nature of the season we are in and how we are to respond to it? Jesus rebuked the Pharisees of His day when He said, “You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of your time.” Let this not be said of us. As Paul preached, God expects us to be wise and discerning of our living times. We are to walk circumspectly in the wisdom God has imparted into our spirits.

*Ephesians 5:15-17* See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,<sup>16</sup> redeeming the time because the days are evil.<sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is.

We have just come through a season where we experienced a worldwide pandemic known as COVID19. If anything, this pandemic opened our eyes to the stark reality that we are in a troubling season. It is a time to give thoughtful consideration to all that is going on in light of what God’s word says about the end time environment. Do we know what time it is? We could very well be in the season the writer of the Book of Hebrews spoke of when he referred to the shaking that is to come before Christ’s return.

*Hebrews 12:26-29* whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth but also heaven.”<sup>27</sup> Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.<sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.<sup>29</sup> For our God is a consuming fire.

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The pandemic shook every aspect of our lives and cultures. It has changed the way we live. God looks down from the heavens above to spot those who understand their times in seasons like this. He looks for those seeking Him, who desire to respond to all that’s going on in our world.<sup>2</sup> Amid the turmoil, Jesus is building a Church with His anointed ones to withstand the pressure of these times. He is creating a place of refuge—a strong tower for all of His righteous ones to run into and be safe.<sup>3</sup>

God is looking for those willing to partner with Him as Jesus builds a Church in which the authority of Hell has no power. He plans to remove all that was made according to poorly devised plans through a false self-centered gospel that seeks to appease rather than challenge. Now is the time to rise and build according to the pattern or blueprint shown in Scripture. Paul, the wise master builder, said there is no other foundation than Jesus laid. He said we are to be careful how we build upon it.

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<sup>1</sup> Acts 13:36

<sup>2</sup> Psalm 53:2

<sup>3</sup> Proverbs 18:10

**1 Corinthians 3:9-11** *For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field; you are God's building. <sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God, which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup> For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

In one of Peter's epistles, he describes us as living stones built up as a spiritual house.<sup>4</sup> We are the strong tower, or the Church Jesus is building of which He desires to fit and frame us as fellow citizens who are growing together as a holy temple. Our part is to yield to the Holy Spirit as He sets and positions us in the places He specifically designed and created for us.<sup>5</sup>

Only as we seek to discover who we are in Christ and what our gifts, ministries, and callings are can we be fitted together. Allowing the Father to frame us together is the pattern He established to bring forth the glory that will usher in the harvest of souls He has prepared for this season. As we allow the Father to fit and frame us together, it brings forth His glory that fills His temple, the body of Christ, in the same way Solomon's temple was.

Therefore, our responsibility is to lose our "Me Too" attitudes prevalent in today's cultures. We are to deny ourselves and submit to the process that binds us in unity by submitting to one another in fear of God. We are to speak the truth in love to one another as we grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.

**Ephesians 4:16** *from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, cause growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

What is God about to do? He is looking for those of His body who have been diligently joining themselves together in unity. Let us not be caught unawares in the season we have He gave us to sow in. Let us fully embrace our season and serve the purposes of God for our generation.

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<sup>4</sup> 1 Peter 2:5

<sup>5</sup> 1 Corinthians 12:18