

He's an On-Time God

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NRSV) - He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Giving Honor to God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to the Ecclesiastes Chapter 3, verse 11, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. Now, I'd like to tag this text with the topic "He's an On-Time God."

Have you ever found yourself in a position where you felt discouraged, lost, or confused? Have you ever had a shortage in your finances and wondered how you would pay the light bill, car note, mortgage, rent, or how you would make it through the week? Have you ever been sick, heartbroken, or felt pain in your body and wondered when you would get well? Did you know that we serve an On Time God? He will give you oil of joy for mourning. O' Yes. He will give you a garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3). The songwriter shared, "He may not come when you want Him, but He'll be there Right On Time."

My brothers and sisters, we must be willing to exercise our faith. According to Hebrews 11:6, without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. God will reward those who truly persevere in seeking Him. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise. (Hebrews 11:8-9)

Habakkuk 3:18 says, "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will take joy in the God of my salvation." Oftentimes, we listen to our colleagues, friends, and family members talk about a good movie they've seen, a nice restaurant they dined at, a sport they enjoy, or leisure activity that brings satisfaction. When you think about it, these conversations are promoting a series of people, activities, and venues. How often do they promote God? Uhhmmn...How often do you promote God? How often do you promote Jesus Christ? How often do you promote the Holy Spirit? How often do you share the Gospel

Message? The reality is that it's hard to promote and share about something or someone that we don't really know or are truly committed to! Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. (Romans 10:17) Have you witnessed or shared with anyone this week, this month, or this year about the "Joy of Your Salvation?" I said the Joy of Your Salvation. Are You Still there? He's an On-Time God.

The Gospel of John Chapter 11 tells the story of Lazarus' death. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if you were here, my brother would not have died." (v. 32) Keep in mind that when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had been in the tomb four days. In my theological mind, I can't help but feel Mary's pain and her silent expressions of an opportunity missed because Jesus was not there when she desperately needed Him. The communication was sent and received in a timely manner. Bethany was only about 2 miles from Jerusalem, and many of the Jews had already been there to console them regarding the loss of their brother. Lazarus was gone forever in Mary's mind as time had ran out, but Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega. The Beginning and the End. He's an On-Time God.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 allows us to understand that the Lord has made everything suitable for its time. Jesus told the disciples that "Lazarus had died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, ***so that you may believe.***" (John 11:14-15) Mary is kneeling down now at the Masters' feet weeping, the Jews who were there were weeping, Jesus was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled. Where have you laid him? Jesus said. Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, ***"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*** She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." (John 11:25-27) Jesus prayed to the Father. "Lazarus, Come Out!" The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." The Lord is calling us out today, that we would witness to others the Gospel message, that others would believe.

For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:16)
The songwriter said "He's an On-time God. (Yes, He Is). On-Time God, (Yes, He Is). Job said, He may not come when you want him, but He'll be there right on time. I tell he's an On-time God. (Yes, He Is)." Hallelujah, Amen.