

Thriving In Every Season

God's Providence

3:1-8

Birth and death are the bookends of life, and in every season between, God reveals Himself to us. Solomon's poem first reveals that every facet of life under the sun is under God's sovereign control. Woven into Solomon's poem is God's providence working all things together for the good of His people.

*In uncertain times, look at God's _____ in creation
as a reminder that you can trust Him with your circumstances.*

God's Plans

3:9-15

Solomon reveals that the frustration of our labor can be a gift from God when it drives us to Him. Solomon also reveals that God is sovereign over all time and appointed seasons. Because God has set eternity in our heart, we naturally long for something beyond this world. God does not intend for us to fully know His plans and purposes, no matter how much we desire. Being reconciled to the living God is our firm foundation and the only source of true, soul-deep joy.

*To thrive in every season, seek God's _____, walk
in obedience to His Word, and trust in His plans.*

God's Perspective

3:16-22

Made in the image of God, we have an innate desire for justice and fairness. Solomon reveals that God has appointed a time to judge both the righteous and the wicked. Knowing God's character, we can trust Him to right every wrong and judge all injustice.

*We may not understand the _____ we see,
but we know the One who does and we can trust Him with it all.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Romans 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 1:20

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.

Isaiah 40:26

Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Psalms 73:26-28

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.