

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

May 13, 2013

# The Timeline

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1-12 NKJV** – (1) For everything there is a season, a 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.

Five months into the year and God has called home two of my relatives and even some of my friends. Once upon a time, death bothered me greatly, but scripture, especially Ecclesiastes 3:1-12, has blessed me with understanding and knowledge, helping me to cope with this very way of existence. Only through the words of God can one understand. This does not minimize the emotion of losing a loved one, but in His words "There is Comfort."

**A season** — a certain time appointed by God for its being and continuance, which no human wit or providence can alter. And by virtue of this appointment of God, all changes which happen in the world, whether comforts or calamities, come to pass, which is here added to prove the principal proposition: All things below are vain, and happiness is not to be found in them, because of their great uncertainty, and mutability, and transitoriness, and because they are so much out of the reach and power of men, and wholly in the disposal of God.

**Purpose** — not only natural, but even the voluntary actions of men, are ordered and disposed by God. It must be considered, that he does not here speak of a time allowed by God, wherein all the following things may lawfully be done, but only of a time fixed by God, in which they are actually done.

**To die** — and as there is a time to die, so there is a time to rise again, and a set time when they that lie in the grave shall be remembered.

From the cradle to the grave, man's opportunity is limited by time. There is a beginning and an end to every human pursuit and enterprise. Life is not an endless, meaningless existence -- but an orderly, purposeful arrangement. God has a plan and a purpose. He understands, even if man does not, where it will all end, and how it will all end. Man beats himself in vain against the fitness of things which he cannot alter. We must learn to accept life as he finds it, with the limitations which time and season impose, and to align ourselves with God's revealed plan. Only then will his life have meaning: "**God works in all things for the good**" (**Romans 8:28,31**).

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

REVELATION 14:13

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"I do not fear death. I had been dead for billions and billions of years before I was born, and had not suffered the slightest inconvenience from it." — Mark Twain

May 1, 2013



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*SOHL's mission is to sow God's word into the hearts of men and women that will propel them to their God-given destiny.*