

## **Recognizing God's Seasons**

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- **Biblical Seasons Means:** Literally signifies that which comes or arrives; and in a general sense, season is synonymous with time. Seasons in the Bible serve as descriptions or symbol for different stages of life and spiritual growth. The four divine cycles in Scripture, includes day and night, seedtime and harvest, winter and spring, and the sabbath. Each of these seasons contains valuable and teachable lessons during our journey of faith. The biblical meaning of seasons extends beyond nature's changes, biblical seasons include spiritual cycles, spiritual renewal, transformation, and growth. By embracing God's divine cycles, we can find purpose and fulfillment in each season of life. Understanding the symbolism and significance of seasons in the Bible will help each of us to grow spiritually during our earthly journey.

King Solomon in his writings in the book of Ecclesiastes speaks to the various seasons that come upon us as people, That we should not only recognize, but we should prepare ourselves for the seasonal changes as well, because they are for the most part beyond our control. There are two particularly important points in this writing, first the things we go through in life are not in vain, second, our situation will not last forever, During the first day of creation God created seasons. God created the light and said that it was good, then He divided the light from the darkness, then He called the light day, and the darkness night and then separated the light from the darkness, and the day from the night. The book of Genesis gives clear understanding that God was fully aware of what He had created, and the light represented good quality and moral excellence. Even then God was distinguishing between those who live in moral light and those who live in moral darkness. In chapter 8 of Genesis the Lord speaks shortly after the great flood to let us know that there will always be seasons for as long as the earth exists. The bible provides instructions for how humanity, and specifically followers of Jesus Christ should embrace, and conduct themselves during the various seasons, which as stated are out of our control. These instructions are called doctrines and ordinances which are rules, policies, guidelines, and commandments from one who has ultimate authority and power at his disposal. Although, God has warned us in His word, He also tells us that there will come a season when people, even followers of Jesus Christ will no longer want to hear or embrace God spoken truths. In fact, they will choose to believe a lie, and give ear to false truths and worldly desires. They will become followers of men rather than followers of God.

- **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: (2) A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; (3) A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; (4) A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; (5) A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; (6) A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; (7) A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; (8) A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

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- **Genesis 1:3-5** And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (4) And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. (5) And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
- **Genesis 8:22** While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.
- **Acts: 1:7** And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.
- **1Thessalonians 5:1-13** But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. (2) For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. (3) For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. (4) But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. (5) Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. (6) Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. (7) For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. (8) But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. (9) For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, (10) Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. (11) Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. (12) And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; (13) And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.
- **2Timothy 4:3-4** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (4) And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

However, during the changes of divine seasons God is still commanding His followers to be committed, and loyal, even during a time when we cannot see, nor do we understand what is going on. God want us to trust Him, and to believe in our hearts that He and He alone has the power to align every season with His divine will.

- **1Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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