

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Last week, we considered Remembering Your Creator in Your Labor. As we ended that study looking at a proper Biblical Perspective of Labor, we considered how much Scripture adjures us to be diligent in our labor by not being lazy, but rather redeeming the time knowing that the days are evil.
- \* Today, we continue that line of thought considering the redemption of time.
- \* In "Bob's Philosophy of Life," a fulfilled Christian life is found through "The redemption of that which cannot be saved in order to invest in the redemption of that which can be saved by laying all that I am on the altar in order that YHWH may alter all that I am!"
- \* Lord willing, today we will have a study in Contrasts considering Time v. Events; Positive v. Negative Events; Cyclical v. Linear views of time ... and then a consideration of how the Sovereignty of God is intricately woven into a proper Biblical understanding of time, events, and our seasons of life.

**INSTRUCTION****I. A CONSIDERATION OF THE S\_\_\_\_\_ OF LIFE****A. The Contrast of T\_\_\_\_\_ (3:1; Psalm 39:4-5; 90:10-12)**

1. OUR DAYS ON EARTH ARE MADE UP OF V\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_
2. OUR DAYS ON EARTH ARE MADE UP OF M\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Contrast of E\_\_\_\_\_ (3:2-8; Romans 5:1-4; 8:28-39; James 1:2-3)****C. The Contrast of V\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Acts 17:24-31)**

1. SOLOMONIC FATALISM
2. SCRIPTURAL LINEARISM

**II. A CONSIDERATION OF THE S\_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD****A. Everything Has An A\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_ (3:1; Acts 1:7)**

1. THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION (cf. Genesis 3:14-15; Mark 1:15)
2. THE COMING OF CHRIST (cf. Daniel 9:24-26; Galatians 4:4-5)
3. THE JUDGMENT OF MAN (cf. Hebrews 9:27-28; Acts 17:26-27, 30-31)
4. THE RETURN OF CHRIST (cf. Zechariah 14:1-7; Acts 1:6-7; Matthew 24:34-49; Genesis 6:3,11-14)
5. THE PROPHETIC FUTURE (cf. Daniel 9:24-26; Hosea 6:1-2; Luke 21:5-38; Matthew 24:3-51)

**B. Everything God Does Shall Be P\_\_\_\_\_ (3:14; Psalm 103:13-18)**

- \* cf. Revelation 22:18-19; Deuteronomy 12:29-32)

**C. Everything That Shall Be Has A\_\_\_\_\_ (3:15; Psalm 139:14-18)**

1. F\_\_\_\_\_
2. L\_\_\_\_\_

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* What is your view of the events of your life?
- \* Do you believe that all things truly work together for good to those who love God and are the called according to His purpose? Do you believe that NOTHING can separate you from the love of Christ?
- \* Do you believe that all things are moving toward a final destination which God has predetermined from the beginning?
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* How do we balance our understanding of the foreknowledge of God and the predestined will of God as it pertains to the events of our life?
- \* Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11. How does this passage apply to our conversation?