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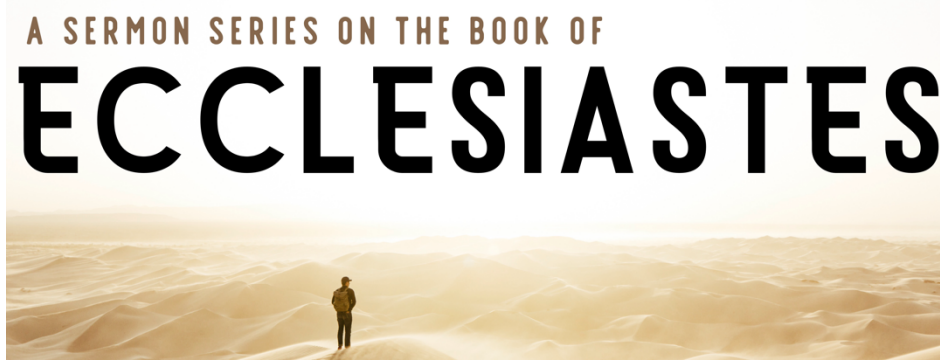
Sermon Date: 4/14/24

Series: *Ecclesiastes*

Text: *Ecclesiastes* 3:1-22

Title: Time, Eternity & The
Sovereignty of God

Preacher: *Luke Dufek*



After some fellowship, community group leaders please mention the information below to your community group. [Check email for more information/details.](#)

- o Men's breakfast 4/20, 8-10 AM
- o Spring clean-up 4/20 contact Herbie if interested in helping.
- o Fellowship and Feast 4/21 4:30 PM
- o Woodridge Homeschool co-op showcase 5/1 doors open at 6 PM, show starts at 6:30 PM. All are invited please RSVP to Ashley Hacker, Jessie Wesley, or Vicki Hagen
- o Woodridge and Waukesha City Church conference is filling up! Tickets are available through the weekly email and website event calendar, spots are limited!!
- o The book for the men's reading group is "*The Life of Martyn Lloyd-Jones*" by Iain Murray. Books will be now available in the bookstore kiosk for \$15. The discussion will be in June.

In Ecclesiastes 3 Solomon shifts his focus to the order and structure of life. There are three sections. In the first section, verses 1-8, Solomon lays down a principle, it is that there is a season and a time for everything. Then he proceeds to give example after example, 14 in all that show us this principle. In the second section, verses 9-15 Solomon makes conclusions about life, man and God. Then in the last section, verses 16-22, Solomon reflecting on these conclusions struggles with the sovereignty of God.

What does Solomon mean by "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"? What does this have to do with the sovereignty of God?

Discuss the merisms in verses 2-8 (look up the word in a dictionary if you need to refresh your memory on what this is and how it is used). How do verses 2-8 help to show the principle of verse 1?

What are some of the conclusions that Solomon makes in verses 9-15? How are these conclusions different from striving after the wind and everything being vanity?

What does it mean that God has put eternity into man's heart? Do you remember a time prior to your conversion when you longed for eternity? Why?

It was mentioned in the sermon that recognizing God's sovereignty leads to and helps Christians do what Solomon says we are to do in verses 12 and 13. Why is this?

"No Doctrine in the whole Word of God has more excited the hatred of mankind than the truth of the absolute Sovereignty of God." -**Charles Spurgeon**

Do you often struggle with God's sovereignty? Why? How does the reality of God's judgement help Solomon and other believers when struggling with injustice and wickedness in the world?

How should we then live? Spend time praying for the Creech family this week as they continue adjusting to life after being full time missionaries in Senegal.