

God's purpose in our life.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 *"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"*

God said, *"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"* The question is, do we understand the word "everything"? While this word was added by the King James translators, it is very fitting everything would be included in the ordained will of God. Now the word "season", when we see this word we think of a time of year, we think of a sports season, or maybe something divided into more than one. The Hebrew word (zemân or zem-awn') means - an appointed occasion – per Strongs. We see the same Hebrew word used as "Appointed Time" in Esther 9:27 & 31 when it is written as an appointed time and not season. So, the proper reading here would be "To everything there is an appointed time...". Now we see what has an appointed time, *"...to every purpose under the heaven:"*. The word "purpose" means – any pleasure, any desire, and (by extension) a matter (as something in mind) Per Strongs. However, to God His purpose and His will, therefore we must conclude that to every will of God it is appointed for God's own purpose. I hope this makes this verse more understandable as to what God is talking about. God predetermines everything and every purpose, He leaves nothing to chance. As Christians we must understand God's working in our life and see the things God has ordained and predestinated for us, nothing happens by chance. Everything in our life God has a purpose for it, good or bad, prosperous to ruin, it is all done by the will of God. God said in **Ecclesiastes 3:17** "I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: **for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.**" For every work and purpose He said. Let us look closer at what God means.

A. God said, *"A time to be born, and a time to die..."* V. 2

1. The word time means – a due season or an appointed time. That is in God's predestinated set time we were all born, and in God's predestinated time we will die.
2. **Job 14:5** *"Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;"* – we cannot extend our days, nor can we cut them short.

3. David wrote in **Psalms 39:4** “LORD, **make me to know** mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; **that I may know how frail I am.**” – The word “measure” means (portion) David was asking so He would know how long he had left to suffer.
4. **Hebrews 9:27** “*And as it is **appointed** unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*”

B. What we are as Christians is appointed by God.

1. **Ephesians 2:10** “*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*” – Who are the “we” here, those saved by God’s grace through faith.
2. **Ephesians 1:4 - 5** “*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*”
3. **Romans 8:29 - 30** “*For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. (30) Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*”
4. Everything elected, ordained, predestined, and accomplished by the will and power of God.
5. God does nothing by chance, He does not depend on people, because He is the source and power.

C. Our world is controlled by God’s power, will, and will end at His choosing.

1. **Romans 13:1** “*Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. **For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.**” Unto everything God has appointed everything.*
2. **Romans 13:3** “*For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:*”
3. God has ordained a Tribulation Period to come to this evil earth. Every ruler has a purpose in their time to bring this world to that point. And one day we will see that ordained fulfillment. Just as God has appointed it, step by step.

D. God has appointed all things in our life.

1. **Ephesians 1:9 - 11** "*Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: (10) That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: (11) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*"
2. Our life is not our choices in life, our life is what God has ordained it to be. God has a reason and purpose in every part of our life. **Psalms 138:8** "*The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.*" That is, "The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me, that He has ordained for me".
3. **Psalms 57:1 - 3** "*...Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast. (2) I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. (3) He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.*"
4. We will never understand what God's ordained purpose or will is for us, but we need to understand that it is God who controls it.