

HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE TIMING OF GOD

THEME: WHAT A LIFE LOOKS LIKE THAT HAS BEEN MARKED BY THE GOSPEL

OBJECTIVE: LEARN HOW JESUS BRINGS THE NEWNESS OF SALVATION

MARK 2:18-22

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ISAIAH 55:8-9, “FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, DECLARES THE LORD. FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH, SO ARE MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS AND MY THOUGHTS THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.”

1. THE TIMING OF GOD CONFRONTS MAN’S UNDERSTANDING V.18

PRESUMPTION ABOUT JESUS WILL ONLY LEAVE YOU PARALYZED IN YOUR INCORRECT THINKING.

WHEN YOU DO NOT FOLLOW JESUS FAITHFULLY, YOU WILL DRIFT TOWARD FOLLOWING RELIGION AND AWAY FROM WHAT GOD REQUIRES OF EACH OF US, DEVOTION TO THE RELATIONSHIP.

JESUS FASTED PRIVATELY AND UNDERSTOOD ITS SPIRITUAL BENEFIT WHEN SEEKING GOD AND HIS WILL. MATTHEW 4:4, “MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.”

MAN CENTERED PRACTICES EXALT SELF, BUT FOLLOWING JESUS EXALTS GOD.

2. THE TIMING OF GOD CELEBRATES JESUS’ PRESENCE V.19-20

TO FOLLOW JESUS, YOU MUST SURRENDER YOUR AGENDA TO HIS SCHEDULE.

WAITING ON THE WRONG THINGS WILL BE REVEALED THROUGH INCORRECT REACTIONS, EMOTIONS, AND ATTITUDES.

NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVERS ARE UNDER THE NEW COVENANT, WHEREBY GOD’S GRACE WE COME TO JESUS AS WE BELIEVE IN HIM BY FAITH AND LEAVE BEHIND MAN-MADE RULES IN AN ATTEMPT TO BE RIGHT WITH GOD.

HEBREWS 12:2, “LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH, WHO FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS.”

3. THE TIMING OF GOD CLARIFIES THE GOSPEL V.21-22

FOLLOWING JESUS IS TO CELEBRATE THE PROVIDENCE OF HIS PRESENCE.

JESUS DOESN'T MEND OUR HEARTS; HE GIVES US A BRAND NEW ONE. **EZEKIEL 36:26**, "I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART AND PUT A NEW SPIRIT IN YOU; I WILL REMOVE FROM YOU YOUR HEART OF STONE AND GIVE YOU A HEART OF FLESH."

ONLY THE WORK JESUS PERFORMED ON THE CROSS IS SUFFICIENT AND WILL BE ACCEPTED BY GOD.

FOLLOWING JESUS TEACHES YOU TO FOCUS ON THE SAVIOR NOT THE SEASON. **ACTS 1:7**, "IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW TIMES OR SEASONS THAT THE FATHER HAS FIXED BY HIS OWN AUTHORITY."
