

God's Insight and Influence Upon Creation



Ecclesiastes 3:1

- Series: Shifting – During A Season of Change (Ecclesiastes 3:1-14)
 - God is Shifting Us. The word “shift” means to change the place, position, or direction; to move from one assignment to another; to exchange or replace by another. God is calling us to a higher calling of usefulness.
 - The Purpose – (1.) To remind of the greatness of our God. (2.) To encourage us that every season can be successful. (3.) To challenge us to maximize every opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and each other.
 - The Goal – is for us to embrace God’s unique purpose for every season of our lives.
- Lesson #1 – When we understand “God’s “Involvement” in Creation” – we gain a greater “Appreciation” for God. (Genesis 1:1-28)
- A. God’s voice was actively involved in creation – His voice must be actively involved in our daily lives (John 10:4-5, 11-14).
 - The only way to “know” God and “know” His voice – is through a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - The number #1 way that God speaks to us (as believer) is through His Word.
 - B. Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...” – God expresses Three things that every believer should always remember:
 1. Expresses God’s desire to have personal relationship with man-kind. This is God’s desire and it should be our desire!
 2. Expresses God’s involvement of the Entire Trinity in creation of man-kind: God – the Father of creation, God – the Son of redemption and God – the Holy Spirit working in the life of the believer. (Genesis 1:26-28, 2:7)
 3. Expresses God’s will that both male and female (man-kind or human race) were created not only to reflect God’s glory – but we were created in God’s image and likeness.
 - God is actively present and involved in every moment, every season of our lives assisting us in fulfilling His will and purpose.

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Psalm 147:1-5

- A. When we understand God's Insight and Influence in creation – we gain a greater awareness into the mind of God and we gain a greater aspiration for the Greatness of God.**
- 1. We need both God's insight and His influence to be actively involved in every area of our lives.**
 - 2. We need God's wisdom to accomplish His purpose and plan for our lives.**
 - 3. We need God's presence, power and glory to be active with us, in us and upon us.**
- During this season of Change – Every believer must daily rely on God for His wisdom – and be willing to give God total control over our lives.**
- **The Attributes of God:**
- 1. God is Omniscient (God is All wise and All Knowing) – God is all-knowledge because simply because all-knowledge comes from God. (Psalm 147:4-5)**
 - 2. God is Omnipotent (God is All-powerful) – He rules and reigns over all the earth and all the universe. (Colossians 1:15-18, Psalm 24:1-2)**
 - 3. God is Omnipresent (God is present everywhere in all places at all times). (Psalm 139:7-10)**
- **Things to Remember About God's Insight and Influence:**
- 1. God always has a plan! Before the fall of man. God predetermined to send His Son Jesus Christ to die for the sins of man. (Galatians 4:3-7, 1 Peter 1:18-21)**
 - 2. God knows everything about you. He knows our thoughts, our heart, our actions, our emotions, our problems and our concerns in life. (Jeremiah 1:5, Matthew 10:30)**

3. God already predetermined before the foundation of the world the Great Blessings for those who are in Jesus Christ. (Genesis 3:14-15, Ephesians 1:3-14)

- (vs. 3) – We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places.
- (vs. 4-5) – We are blessed because God chose us.
- (vs. 6-7) – We are blessed to be recipients of His grace.
- (vs. 8) – We are blessed with God’s wisdom and understanding of the future.
- (vs. 9-10) – We are blessed that God has revealed the mystery of His will.
- (vs. 11-12) – We are blessed with an inheritance from God.
- (vs. 13-14) – We are blessed by being sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

B. How does a believer receive the wisdom of God? (James 1:5-8)

- By asking (prayer) by faith and not doubting or wavering.

C. During this Season of change we must remain confident in the Sovereign rule of God.

- 1. Remember walking by faith is simple – God’s instructions are clear. God speaks, we hear and we walk in obedience.**
- 2. Remember God knows what He has put in us – that is Himself.**

○ **Six Things We Can Do to Thrive in Our Season:**

- 1. Embrace every season of your life – whether you’re in spring, summer, fall, winter.**
- 2. Embrace every opportunity to draw close to God. (James 4:8)**
- 3. Embrace the opportunity to get still and quiet before the Lord. (Psalms 46:10)**
- 4. Embrace the opportunity to learn and grow in wisdom God (the Word). (2 Timothy 2:15)**
- 5. Embrace the opportunity to allow God to teach you about Himself and you. (Isaiah 55:8-9)**

6. Embrace the opportunity to take time to reflect on the goodness of God. (Ps. 34:8)