

# The Christian & time-Ps.90; Eccl.3:1-15

“Nothing is more characteristic of modern life than the complaint, ‘if only I had more time’ “

We suffer from the disease of “hurry sickness”

# 1. Live a God-centred life – Eccl.3:1-15

The preacher in Ecclesiastes shows:-

a. The totality of life – 3:1-8

b. Only God understands & controls time-3:9-15

He rules history - Dan., Is.10:5-19; Ps.2;

Acts 4:24-28; Gal.4:4,5

c. The full life is having God as your home –  
3:11-13

# God as your home – Ps.90:1-6

God is eternal & strong. We are frail & mortal

a. God as Saviour & Covenant God

b. God as Father

c. God as Master

d. God as our treasure

## 2. Recognize God as the Judge –

Ps.90:7-12

We live in a world marked by trouble & death – v.9,10. God does not ignore sin – v.7,8 cf.Gen.3

The wise person will:-

a. See life as brief & frail

b. Acknowledge the just anger of God – v.11

c. Live wisely in the light of these realities – v.12

Eph.5:15,16; Col.4:5

# 3. Trust in God's unfailing love –

## Ps.90:13-17

a. Seek his mercy – v.13

b. Enjoy his love – v.14-16

c. Work to bring delight to God – v.17

- God delights in his work – Gen.1:31-2:3;  
Prov.8:29,30

- Enjoy your work & bring delight to God

1. All our work is serving God

2. Our goal – bring glory to God

# Our work & our time

## a. Focus on priorities

- Important & urgent
- Important & not urgent
- Unimportant & urgent
- Unimportant & not urgent

Cf. Jesus – said NO – Mk.1:35-39;John2:4;11:4-6

- did God's will- John4:34;5:19,30;6:38;8:38;  
14:24,31; 15:15; 17:4,8

## b. Manage yourself

# 4. Our calling

- a. To love God with all our being. Make him our home
- b. Love our neighbour as ourselves
- c. Care for & work in God's world

Fulfilling our calling:-

Jesus – John 17:4

Paul – 2 Tim.4:7,8

Faithful servants – Mt.25:21,23