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Today is what we call Daylight Savings Time.

The United States adopted daylight saving in 1918. The idea was to allow more daylight to do work and activities in the summer.

Most people think Daylight savings time was implemented to help farmers. The truth is that most farmers do not like it. Here is what Wikipedia says about the first history of Daylight Savings Time.

Many publications credit DST proposal to the prominent English builder and outdoorsman William Willett, who independently conceived DST in 1905 during a pre-breakfast ride, when he observed with dismay how many Londoners slept through a large part of a summer day. An avid golfer, Willett also disliked cutting short his round at dusk. His solution was to advance the clock during the summer months, a proposal he published two years later.

It was during WWI and shortly afterwards that Daylight Savings Time started to be implemented with the argument that it conserved energy by using more waking hours of sunlight.

In the Bible time was kept by observing the Sun. A sundial was used. The day was divided into 12 hours, the 6th hour was Noon, the first hour was daybreak.

The night was divided into 4 watches. The 4th watch was just before sunrise. The first watch was just after sunset.

The hours would change with the seasons. The winter hours were shorter and the summer hours were longer.

Biblically, the sun, moon, and stars were given by the Lord for signs and seasons, so the Biblical time was dependent on these.

We have clocks that do not vary with the seasons and sun, and that is why we fabricate daylight savings time.

This morning I want to talk to you about the Biblical teach of concerning time.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT TIME

I. FIRST OF ALL CONSIDER THAT TIME IS A CREATION OF GOD..

We live in time God does not. God inhabits eternity.

Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Note, this truth should humble us. We are ruled by time and we are under the discipline of time itself.

God inhabits eternity.

II Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

1. GOD MADE THE APPEARANCE OF AGE AT THE CREATION.

This is why the so called scientific experts have the age of this planet so wrong.

God made light before there was a sun.

God made time when it says:

Genesis 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **And the evening and the morning were the first day.**

This is when time began, evening and morning, the 24 hours of a day.

2. WHEN GOD MADE THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS HE SPREAD THEM OUT LEAVING ALL THE THOUSANDS IF NOT MILLIONS OF YEARS OF LIGHT TRAILS IN 24 HOURS OF TIME.

Isaiah 40:22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

3. WHEN GOD MADE MAN HE MADE HIM A PERFECT SPECIMEN OF ADULTHOOD. HE DID NOT CREATE HIM A BABY. Perfect age of adulthood.

A. When God made the trees., they were fully grown.

B. When God made the grass, it sprouted immediately.

- C. When God made the fish of the seas they were fully grown.
- D. When God made the creatures of the earth they were fully mature.

4. God is not limited by time. God created time, time did not create God.

In the humanistic mind, for all of the universe to be created we need lots and lots of time. HOW FOOLISH MAN IS!

II. GOD CREATED MAN TO BE ABLE TO LIVE FOREVER SO ORIGINALLY HE HAD UNLIMITED TIME.

How long were Adam and Eve around before they sinned?

We get the impression they were not around very long. Yet how do we know?

All we know is that they were in a perfect garden.

They had the perfect foods.

They could eat from the tree of life and the Bible says they would live forever.

Did you ever wonder why Adam and Eve did not have any children in that time?

I believe the reason why is because if men would live forever, it would take a long long time for them to conceive and have children.

III. AFTER THE FALL DEATH ENTERED THE WORLD AND MAN'S RACE AGAINST TIME STARTED. THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS KICKED IN.

After the fall man's days were numbered, and death entered the world.

He no longer had all the time in the world, so to speak.

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

God said, I will multiply thy conception. Meaning, the frequencies that you can conceive. Why? Men would not live forever.

If you read the Bible you will notice that people had children at later ages and as time went on they conceived at a lot younger age.

Adam was 130 years old when he had Seth.

Seth was 105 years old when he had Enos.

Enos was 90 years old when he had Cainan.

Cainan was 70 years old and had Mahalaleel.

After the flood men started having children at early ages because they were not living as long.

The Grandfather of Abraham was Nahor and the Bible says, Genesis 11:24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah: Terah was Abraham's father.

We get the impression as men lived shorter lives all their activities sped up.

IV. TODAY THE BIBLE DESCRIBES OUR EXISTENCE IN THE PSALM OF MOSES.

1. GOD IS TO BE EXALTED FOR HIS ETERNALITY!

Psalms 90:1 {A Prayer of Moses the man of God.} LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Psalms 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Psalms 90:3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

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2. WE SHOULD BE HUMBLLED BY OUR MORTALITY.

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3. Note: we are like grass, we grow up and fade away.

4. Sin brings death to mankind and we are being chastened by the Lord.

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5. OUR LIFE IS SHORTENED BECAUSE OF OUR SIN.

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V. OUR LIVES HAVE BECOME A RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK.

Psalms 90:10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

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1. WE NEED TO BE TAUGHT TO NUMBER OUR DAYS.

We do not by nature, number our days.

The reality never sets in that we are indeed mortal, that our lives are short.

Psalms 49:11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.
Psalms 49:12 Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

We need to be taught how to make our lives worth while for eternity!!!

We no longer have the tree of life.
Our bodies are fading away like the grass.
We are perishing in our sin.

So the psalmist says we ought to pray.

OH LORD TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS.
TEACH US TO APPLY OUR HEARTS TO WISDOM.

2. WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO WIN THE RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY THAT WE SHOULD DO?

Ephesians 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Ephesians 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

Ephesians 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Ephesians 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

We should Redeem the time because the days are evil.

What does it mean to Redeem the time?

The word Redeem means to salvage or be saved.

We are all called the redeemed of the Lord.

When we were lost in sin.

When we were rebelling against the Lord.

When we were lost and not living for God we used our time to do things that were a waste.

3. How do we take the time we have left and use our time for God. How can we salvage what time we have left on this planet for God?

V. JESUS SHARED A PARABLE TO TEACH US WHAT WE SHOULD DO TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF OUR TIME FOR THE LORD.

If we have trust the Lord as our Saviour than we are saved, we are redeemed.

If you are redeemed then why do you not redeem your time also?

LET US NOW REDEEM OUR TIME. Jesus gives a parable to teach us and motivate us to redeem the time.

Luke 16:1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

Luke 16:2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

Luke 16:3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

Luke 16:4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

Luke 16:5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

Luke 16:6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

Luke 16:7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

Luke 16:8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

Luke 16:9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Luke 16:11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

Luke 16:12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Here we have a parable of a man who had blew it. He wasted his lord's goods. He was not a good steward. He was good for nothing.

(BY THE WAY, WE ARE STEWARDS OF THE TIME THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US, ALSO.)

So he got notice that he was going to be called into question for the way he squandered his Lord's goods.

(SOMEDAY WE WILL BE CALLED INTO QUESTION HOW WE WASTED TIME.)

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Judgment day was coming and this unjust steward knew he was guilty, he blew it.

Jesus said, we should learn from this man, this unjust steward resolved to do something to make up for his failures. He decided to get busy and do something before it was too late.. He made preparation for the day he would be cast out of his stewardship.

Then Jesus says,

Luke 16:8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

Would that the children of light would learn from this unjust steward and do something about all the opportunities they squandered.

Would that they would redeem the time.
Make up for lost opportunities to serve God.

Redeem the time, get busy and do something for God.

Redeem the time, get busy and try to win people to the Lord.

Redeem the time, get busy and do some good works so you will have something to show in that Day.

Redeem the time, spend more time in the Bible, more time in prayer, more time telling others about Christ.

Redeem the time, get busy serving God in your local church.

The opposite of redeeming the time is to waste time.

Think of all the activities that are nothing but a waste of time.

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Ephesians 5:14 mentions sleep as a time waster., yet I do not think this is talking about physical sleep though too much physical sleep can be sin also. I think he is thinking of activities, that are the opposite of righteousness.

VI. WALK IN THE LIGHT AND AWAKE OUT OF DARKNESS.

Arise from the dead. The activities of this world that spiritually dead people wrap their lives up in.

The reason for daylight savings time is to motivate people to do more in the daylight.

Let us use this as a reminder that we need to walk in the light of God's Word.

John 11:9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

John 11:10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

We need to be a light to this dark world.

We need to walk in the light as he did.

We need to work, and do the deeds of Children of light!

CONCLUSION

Time, we are under the restraints of time. When we waste time we can never go back and fix it. We can only redeem what time we have left. Once time is wasted it is wasted forever.

Now is the time to obey Him.

Now is the time to serve Him.

Now is the time to do His will.

What is it that God wants you to do. DO IT!

**11-3-18 EVENING MESSAGE
REDEEMING THE TIME**

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Ephesians 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

This morning I shared that a message about what the Bible says about time.

It's hard to believe but we are coming near the end of the year. When I think of November Thanksgiving, I think of Christmas and then of course New Years.

We are concluding another year.

Our Christmas Rehearsals. People say pastor we only have ___ weeks.

We are living in difficult says when it comes to obeying this verse.

Redeeming the time.

There is only so much time.

We all are allotted the same amount of hours in a day.

WHY IS IT SOME SEEM TO DO SO MUCH MORE WITH THOSE HOURS?

Tonight I want to continue the thought that we closed with this morning. The thought is that we are commanded to REDEEM THE TIME.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

I. BE CAREFUL OF TIME WASTERS.

I am not on facebook because I can barely answer my emails and phone calls.

Don't need another things to do. To me there is too much drama going on in this crazy social media crazed world.

Internet can be a tool for good or an endless pit for gossip and destruction.

There are too many options today.

There are too many directions to go.

With all the options comes confusion.

II. YOU NEVER WAST TIME WORSHIPPING THE LORD AND DEDICATING TIME TO THE LORD.

I am in my own business because I do not want to have to wast time making money. Work on pianos late at night.

People approach me about all kind of things I could do. I don't have time.

JESUS KNEW WHAT THINGS NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN.

Luke 12:13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

Luke 12:14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

1. REMEMBER THE STORY OF MARY AND MARTHA.

Luke 10:40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

Luke 10:41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

Luke 10:42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

2. PRAYER AND MEDITATION IN GOD'S WORD. BEST TIME IS LATE AT NIGHT AND EARLY IN THE MORNING.

I Timothy 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalms 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

3. REMEMBER TO NOT FORSAKE THE ASSEMBLING OF YOURSEVES TOGETHER.

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Is it too much to set aside Sunday and Wednesday night for prayer.. and Bible study for the Lord..

I Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

III. REMEMBER TIME IS A GREAT ASSET AND IT SHOULD BE INVESTED WISELY

Luke 19:12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

Luke 19:13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

Luke 19:14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

Luke 19:15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

Luke 19:16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

Luke 19:17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

Luke 19:18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

Luke 19:19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

Luke 19:20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

Luke 19:21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

Luke 19:22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

Luke 19:23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

Luke 19:24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

Luke 19:25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

Luke 19:26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

HOW IS IT IN ONE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS THEY ALL RECEIVED A DIFFERENT AMOUNT AND IN THIS PARABLE THEY ALL RECEIVE THE SAME.

Matthew 25:14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

Matthew 25:15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Matthew 25:16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

Matthew 25:17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

Matthew 25:18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

Matthew 25:19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

TIME IS THE SAME FOR EVERYONE.
OUR GIFTS VARY EACH ONE.

12 Hours in the day are the same for you or for me.

What is the difference? The difference is how you use your time.

Use it wisely for eternity.

For as quickly as this year is come and gone so will our life, and we will stand before God and have to give an account.

How will you fare in that day?

Today is the end of daylight savings time. Daylight savings time was implemented to help give more waking hours of sunlight in a persons life so they could be more active.

Jesus said,

John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Jesus said, we need to redeem the time and do His will while we can. Opportunities can slip through our fingertips and then we no longer can do what He wants us to do.

Serve Him while you can.

Work while you can.

Redeem the time.

Wake up from the darkness of sin.

Awake to righteousness and serve Christ!