***Becoming a People of Understanding – Timing in Seasons***

The larger context of Ecclesiastes 3 aids our understanding of verse 11. Meditate on Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 & Isaiah 11. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, “There is a time for everything, / and a season for every activity under the heavens.” The next seven verses list a series of contrasts: love and hate, scattering and gathering, tearing and mending, weeping and laughter. Then comes verse 11, which begins, “He has made everything beautiful in its time.” In other words, life is comprised of opposite experiences in balance; God has appointed each to its season. Each season is to be considered as part of a whole.

Seasons come and go, but does anything in this life truly satisfy? The answer in Ecclesiastes is, no, all is vanity (Ecclesiastes 1:2). However, through all the ups and downs and vicissitudes of life, we have a glimpse of stability—God has “set eternity in the human heart.” Life is but a vapor (James 4:14), but we know there is something past this life. We have a divinely implanted awareness that the soul lives forever. This world is not our home.

“Timing is everything.” This is a principle applied to business, especially in marketing. It tells us that it’s always ideal to know the time in introducing products or events in the market. For the secular world, they do a lot of research to determine launching ideas or products. Testing the market and understanding target demographics. This is done for maximum effect and success. When the timing is off, failure is sure; loss of money.

In spiritual appreciation, this requires understanding from one’s spiritual walk and maturity.

Today let us survey our place of understanding!

Consider the times and season you are in.

How you have grown equals depth of understanding.