

## **“Now is the time to trust in the Lord”**

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**III. Stewardship Principles That Make A Difference:** These are God principle by which he will work with those who trust in Him.

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**b. Observations: How are things done in Heaven?**

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