

## Taking Time

Read Isaiah 55:6-13

Hosea 10:12 "...it is time to seek the Lord..."

Several weeks ago my wristwatch "died". Only recently did I replace it. Before I had replaced it, it was amazing how many times I looked at my wrist, only to discover my watch wasn't there. However, I managed to get along fairly well without one. The computer I work on at my job has a clock built in it. So does my calculator. I also have a key chain with a clock. So going to and from work and at work I was able to tell what TIME it was without my watch. At home there are lots of clocks – clocks in appliances, microwave ovens, radios, VCR's, etc. No problem finding out the TIME there.

And so it is, that our lives are governed by clocks and TIME, TIME to get up, TIME to leave for work, TIME for lunch, TIME to quit work, TIME to eat, TIME to go to church, TIME to go to bed, TIME to finish a job. Projects require TIME for them to be finished. If enough TIME isn't allowed to get the project finished, problems result. Putting off doing something may result in not having enough TIME to get it finished.

The Bible talks about TIME too. The Psalmist tells us *"What TIME I am afraid, I will trust in thee."* (Psalm 56:3 KJV) *"The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in TIME of trouble."* (Psalm 37:39) *"I will extol the Lord at all TIMES; his praise will always be on my lips."* (Psalm 34:1) *"Trust in him at all TIMES, O people; pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge."* (Psalm 62:8) In Ephesians we read about redeeming the TIME. (Ephesians 5:16) In Proverbs we read that a friend loves at all TIMES. (Proverbs 17:17) Timothy talks about the perilous TIMES in the last days. (II Timothy 3:1)

Whatever is said about TIME, the most important is that we take TIME for the Lord. In Mark 1:15 we read, *"The TIME has come, the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news."* And in Isaiah 55:6 we are told to *"seek the Lord while he may be found."*

