



There is an order to God's plan and timing.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

His order is seen in His written Word and expressed through the Word made flesh (Jesus Christ). God's order (regarding our walk-individually and corporately) is not a full mystery if we are willing to listen to Him by His Spirit.

Mark 4:10-12 - But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. 11 And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, 12 so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.'"

We must remember that though we often walk blindly (not understanding what God's purpose is in certain seasons), it is not His desire that we remain in this blind/ignorant state (read the passage above again then continue reading below).

Luke 6:39-42 - And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? 40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. 41 And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? 42 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

Throughout the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, we can see God's plan unfolding. If He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, is it safe to assume His Word is the same? The answer is yes.

Mark 13:28-31 - "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors! 30 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Why did I go through that? God's written Word is our instruction manual and our map.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

If you believe this then it should not be difficult to believe that God gave us His words to teach us, help us, and encourage us through our journey (step by step) into His purposes.

Look for Part II this Friday!

Father, I ask that you would allow each person reading to gain a deeper understanding of Who You are and how to follow Your word day in and day out. We want to trust You more - we want to have a growing hunger for Your Word and for revelation. Reveal to us what we need for today - we praise You Lord Jesus - Amen.

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