

Timeless Works of God

Introduction:

- A. Bible often speaks of God as timeless (2 Peter 3:8)
 - 1. what is time to one who is timeless?
 - 2. yet, when he created man - time became important (Gen. 1:1)
 - 3. all that God has done was in perfect timing! (Six days of creation, Sabbath)
- B. Look

I. Lord Coming to Redeem Us From Sin

- A. Fulness of time (Gal. 4:4,5; 2 Cor. 6:2)
 - 1. question: long gap between Adam and the cross
 - a. why all of this time?
 - b. was there not an immediate need for a savior?
 - 2. why wait? Not sure that we can fully answer this but here are some preliminary thoughts.
 - 3. 1) time when all prophecies centered on him, 2) when man would see the need for a Savior, because all his schemes had failed, 3) when the world was at peace, and the world had developed a universal language (Greek) to make it easy to spread the good news.
- B. Timing not accidental
 - 1. not arbitrary - perfectly suited
 - a. when he was ready
 - b. God had a reason for it all
 - 2. he had a purpose
- C. Only blood of Christ can atone for sin
 - 1. many things to prepare for his coming
 - a. 1,000's of animals sacrificed during OT for sin
 - b. day of atonement- high priest offered a sacrifice for his own sins and the people
 - 2. suddenly announced - John. 1:29!
- D. Man Cannot Work His Way Back
 - 1. Gentiles - depend on human philosophy and wisdom
 - a. none of their great philosophers could reach God
 - b. to them Jesus failed - 1 Cor. 1:22-24
 - 2. not even the OT prophets
 - a. 1 Pt. 1:10-12- not understand what they wrote
 - b. imagine Isaiah (see 53) wondering what this meant
 - c. yet, we (Acts 8) can look back- how wonderful!
 - d. i.g. - Ps. 110:4- if priest like Melchizedek must be a change of priesthood? How that possible? How can he be both priest and king
 - e. Psalm 22; Isa 53: pierced hands & feet? Sheep to slaughter?
 - 3. Jesus coming was in perfect timing

II. Jesus Himself was in perfect timing

- A. Death was timely
 - 1. John 2:4- water to wine
 - 2. John 7:2-6 - "go show the world"!
 - 3. other passages suggest a timing when Lord to die
 - a. John 7:30 - those who wanted to kill not in control
 - b. John 8:20 - already 30 yrs.old - not yet!
 - c. John 12:20-23, 27,28- last week of Jesus' life hour has come!
 - d. John 13:1 - final Passover ; Jn. 17:1 - hour had come

- B. Timing of Jesus's death was not accidental
 - 1. It was in God's hands - at just the right time he died for our sins
 - 2. why? Time to mould his apostles perhaps
 - a. time for his miracles - Jn. 3:2; 20:30,31
 - b. to fulfill his work
 - 3. Christ - our Passover lamb
 - a. Egypt - Israel; "I will Passover you!- blood on door posts
 - b. Jesus died on the Passover week in perfect timing
 - c. God planned it all!

III. Jesus Will Return Again

- A. He will return
 - 1. 1 Ths. 4:16-18
 - a. meet the Lord in the air - its will be perfect timing
 - b. when God is ready
 - 2. why wait? -
 - a. 2 Pt. 3:8,9 - wants to be saved - knows hearts of every person
 - b. God may be waiting on you! Come a month earlier - no baptism
 - c. gets your life right wilt God!

- B. He will return at the right time

IV. Can God Answer Prayers in Perfect Timing?

- A. Become so anxious
 - 1. immediate answer!
 - a. we can barely remember yesterday- can't see tomorrow
 - b. yet, God sees from all eternity!
 - 2. what kind of God do you want? Narrow vision or perfect timing?
 - 3. God answers prayer in perfect timing!

- B. Habakkuk
 - 1. Hab 1:2-5 - problem -why doesn't God do something?
 - 2. Hab. 1:12,13- not understand the answer
 - 3. Hab 2:20 - conclusion
 - 4. Hab 3:17 - trust God

- C. How long?
 - 1. common cry - Ps. 27:14; Isa. 40:28 - 31
 - 2. wait on the Lord

Conclusion:

- A. Time will come again! To die!
- B. God knows all we need in our life -Trust him!