

<sup>1</sup>To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: <sup>2</sup>A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; <sup>3</sup>A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; <sup>7</sup>A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. <sup>9</sup>What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. <sup>11</sup>He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. <sup>13</sup>And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God. <sup>14</sup>I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. <sup>15</sup>That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past. <sup>16</sup>And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there. <sup>17</sup>I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work. <sup>18</sup>I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. <sup>19</sup>For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. <sup>20</sup>All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. <sup>21</sup>Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth? <sup>22</sup>Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?