



How to Know the Times & Seasons

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Hey friends, Doug Addison. Welcome to *Spirit Connection* podcast, June 17, 2020.

And this is a time that we really need to understand the times and the seasons. We have to understand God's timing ... when to move forward, when to stay back. And I want to open this up to you on this episode. Get you some things that's gonna really help you. But first, let's pray for the people still walking through the pandemic and the tragedies we're going through with COVID-19.

Lord, we ask that You would release that solution that I saw, You spoke to me about, that happened on June 7. And so we ask that You would comfort those who are mourning and the losses. We pray for the healing of the sick. We pray for the release from Heaven, where the things that are going to bring this pandemic to an end, in Jesus' name. Amen!

Well, my blog, I did a prophetic word for the month of June, *COVID-19 Solution and a Plan for the Next 7 Months*. It's also on *Spirit Connection* podcast episode 131. You wanna watch that because it's got some powerful dates and different things. And see, that's the times and seasons that I'm talking about. I gave a word about, you know, 7 days after Pentecost (which was June 7th). And 7 weeks after (July 19th), and then 7 months (December 31st). These are dates along with some instructions and things that

God's gonna do to help align you. That's a good example of the "times and seasons" prophetic words.

And I operate in that. It's called a Issachar anointing. The sons of Issachar were able to understand the times and the seasons and give advice to things. And so, this is a gift that I have. And you can operate in it. You don't have to be in the office of a prophet, you know. You can operate in this. And I basically got this because, you know, I've been operating in the prophetic for a very long time. And I started seeing a thing called "hope deferred." Proverbs 13:12, "Hope deferred makes a heart sick; but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life." So I asked God for dates, times. I didn't want general words because I saw people were getting overwhelmed with prophetic words and not enough application. And that's what the times and seasons gifts do. I'm not sure exactly when it came, but it did because I started doing the *Daily Prophetic* in about 2011. I started doing the monthly words on a regular basis, actually way longer than that, but something started to take place.

And I want to really release this to you right now. You can actually operate in this at your sphere of influence or at the level that you're already at. And let's just kind of unpack this a little bit. God knows exactly where you are right now. And actually, according to Acts 17:26, "He determines the times set for them and the exact places they should live." God's very much aware of your life. He has not forgotten us during this pandemic. He's not the one behind this. It's the enemy who's doing it. But God is very interested in the things of your life, and even down to the place that you should live.

So as we unpack this a little bit more. God's outside of time, yet He's the creator of time. There's "chronos" time—that's the time on the clock. And there's also a thing in the New Testament that's called "kairos" time. Kairos is that moment ... it's a Greek word. And it's the time of the Lord. So according to Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There's a time for everything, a season for every activity under Heaven. And there's a time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest." Now we've been walking through some difficult

times right now, but this is still part of what God is doing right now. And He didn't intend any loss of life or anything like that. But the more that we can interact with the times and seasons throughout our life, the more you'll be prepared for it. You'll be prepared for the things.

My ministry was prepared for this pandemic. We were already operating on the internet. And I've been, you know, doing this for a number of years. But the Lord began to speak to me specifically about this. And so, there's some things that are based on your personal situation that really can't be changed. Is like the ... maybe a death of a loved one, or a birth of a baby, or getting a new job or losing your job. That's personal situation. But we can actually experience something even greater in the midst of this. You could have peace in that storm. I know! I've lost many loved ones. We went through a massive amount of deaths and losses in my family with Huntington's disease. I walked through four years of illness. And I'm healed now, but I'm just sayin' I had to get peace in the midst of the storm.

We could also experience global times like we are right now. It's challenging. It's something bigger on the Earth. But we need to understand the times and seasons that you'd be prepared. Think about when Joseph, in Genesis 41, he interpreted two dreams of a major leader, Pharaoh. And he gave a time and a season prophetic word. And he gave the time. He said the next seven years (based on this dream) ... the next seven years we're gonna walk through ... they were gonna walk through a time of plenty, feast and, you know, there's a lot going on. But then there would be seven years of famine. So they saved up for seven years so that they could actually be a blessing to the entire Earth for the other seven years. That's a good example of it. It was an example of a global type of thing.

And in Acts 1:7, Jesus said this. Now this is interesting because some people say that you shouldn't look at the times and seasons based on this one verse. And Jesus said, "It's not for you to know the times and the seasons which the Father has put into place

under His authority.” Now, this was actually an answer that He was giving to verse 6, to the question, “Lord, will You tell us the time that the Kingdom of Israel will be restored?” In other words, Israel was not restored. They were under the Roman rule, and they were really wanting to know the time of that restoration. And so Acts 1:7 was not ... He was not creating doctrine or anything like that to say you can’t understand the times and seasons. He was answering a question, about a specific time of Israel being restored (which, by the way, it is restored). And in fact, we see in the context of the Bible that the gift of interpretation, even in the New Testament, is used.

And so, we’re encouraged to operate in the interpretation through the Holy Spirit. We can interpret tongues. We can interpret dreams. We can interpret parables according to the New Testament. So interpreting times and seasons is a form of the gift of discernment (which is in 1 Corinthians 12) and the gift of prophecy, combined. Matthew 16:3, Jesus said that you know how to interpret the sky, but you don’t know how to interpret the signs of the times. So it’s important to understand. Jesus Himself said you can do this. You can interpret these things in your own life.

Now it’s not necessarily ... or it really shouldn’t be used to predict the Second Coming of Christ. That’s when we get all mixed up. We can know the season. But the exact day and time, Jesus said in Matthew 24, He said the exact day and time no one knows. He says, “I don’t even know. The angels don’t know.” So this is not about the Second Coming. This is about operating in what I call “the flow or harmony of Heaven.” Where you know what to do, when to do it. You know when to say, “This is not time yet. It’s not time.” Or you’ll know when to move forward, when not to do something.

It actually comes from developing the eyes to see and ears to hear. Matthew 13:11, Jesus encourages us to get the understanding of the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, and they’re found in the parables. So you need that interpretive ability to do that. And so developing the eyes to see and the ears to hear is what I train people all the time in. You don’t have to be a prophet. First Corinthians 14:1, “Follow the way of

love and eagerly desire the gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.” Wow. Follow the way of love and prophesy. You know, use that gift of prophecy is what you do. But it takes practice. Hebrews 5:14, “But solid food is for the mature who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”

So here’s some steps for you. Next time that you hear God, or the last time you hear God, you know, go back and look at it. The last time that you know that you heard God or maybe He answered a prayer, go back and look at it. Study it. I do that. That’s the only way you’re gonna understand the voice of God. How did it sound? How did it feel? Was there a taste and smell? You know, everything. Learn to discern the good, and you will recognize the counterfeit. So, I do that on a regular basis and train people to do it.

So, let me just take a look right now and shift gears real quick. What’s the current time and season? I actually released this a couple months ago. We are in a time of trouble, but the season is preparation. And if you wanna see it in the Bible where we are, Hosea 2:15, “I will return her vineyards to her and then transform the Valley of Trouble into a Gateway of Hope.” So we’re in a Valley of Trouble right now with pandemic. You know, you don’t have to be in the trouble. We’re blessed right now in the midst of all this. But we are in a season where the Gateway of Hope is gonna open. And so this is a time of preparation.

God wants to really train people right now in this Issachar anointing. First Chronicles 12:32, “The sons of Issachar had understanding of the times and the seasons, and they told Israel what they ought to do.” So it’s a form of the prophetic gift that combines wisdom, understanding and the interpretation through the Holy Spirit. But also, the application of what to do. It involves discerning the times, seasons, making a plan. This is actually great for intercessors and those with the watchman gift. Consultants and coaches, businesspeople, you know, the people who are part of an up-and-coming movement that I ... we’re not like an organized movement, but I’m training

entrepreneurial prophets. That's what I do. Give words into business and government. Also the Joseph People.

But you can operate in it at your own place and at your own pace, at your own house, by operating in this gift where God will give you revelation through dreams, through visions and outward signs. He'll say things. He'll speak things through music, the news. He'll speak through nature. You'll get a sense of things that are just divinely inspired. And, you know, maybe the Bible keeps opening up to the same place every time. It goes beyond just getting those words, but also into that application.

Now my *Daily Prophetic Words* will help you. Actually, they are considered very similar to times and seasons type of words. Very small. I started posting the *Daily Prophecies* back in 2011, #DailyProphetic. I was the first to start using it. But it's really grown my entire ministry and it helps people. It's just a small amount of revelation. It's timing, but it's like the mustard seed. It produces the biggest tree, you know, all over the world people know me for the *Daily Prophetic*. I also have a monthly word. I help people get aligned with what's going on in the season right now.

So June 2020, the prophetic word for June had the 7 days, 7 weeks and the 7 months. That's a classic example of an Issachar type of word. So here's some steps. You wanna develop this. Is take time and ask God to speak to you each day. Do some listening prayer as well as your prayer requests. Stop and listen. It's really important. Watch for patterns in your life. Repeated things that might, you know, that God gives you sign. Maybe your lights are burning out. Certain songs keep repeating. Slogans or sayings. Bible verses. Sermon themes start happening.

Then I wanna give you two verses that you can decree. I've been praying these verses on and off. One of them is Habakkuk 2:3, "For the revelation awaits appointed time; it speaks of the end and it will not prove false. Though it linger, wait on it. It will surely come without delay." And Galatians 6:9, "And let us not get weary of doing good, for in

due season you shall reap a harvest if you won't give up." There's a time verse, Habakkuk 2, and a season verse in Galatians 6:9. All right!

Well, Lord, we pray that You would activate this. Activate the ability to understand times and seasons. We pray that You would activate the Issachar anointing in each of us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

All right! Well, I'm gonna be doing a training on this. It's called [Getting Aligned: How to Understand the Times & Seasons](#). I've taught on God's will and timing, but I've never taught on the Issachar or the times and seasons gift. So it's gonna be a lot of fun. June 20th, 2020. It's only \$37. Live Q&A. You get access to the replay. You don't have to show up live, but you do have to sign up, unlike some of the other ones that were free. You wanna sign up for this one! It'll be fun.

Also, check out my [Daily Prophetic Words](#) I just mentioned. And get my [Doug Addison App](#) in the App Store or Google Play, because it has a place where you can actually get the *Daily Prophetic Words* each day. You can donate, see my videos, get all that stuff. All right!

Well, I just pray that God opens the heavens over you, and gives you everything that you need and aligns you with this time. And especially peace, in Jesus' name.

See you next week.

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