



Word Study on "Time"

Time – the indefinite continued progress of existence and events in the past, present, and future regarded as a whole; or a moment as measured in hours; or an interval of moments as allotted, available, or used.

Scripture Word Study: **Time**

Please read the following passages and answer the associated questions.

- (1) According to Ecc 3:1-8 What does every event have? _____
- (2) In 1st Timothy 1:17, how long will God exist? _____
- (3) In Psalms 33, how far into the future has God planned? _____
- (4) Ecc 11:1 If you cast your bread on the waters, when will you find it? _____
- (5) In Isaiah 46:10, how long will God's plans stand? _____
- (6) According to Prov 27:1 what do we know about tomorrow? _____
- (7) In Psalm 90:2, God is God from when to when? _____
- (8) In James 4:13-16 we find our life is how substantial? _____
- (9) According to Psalm 102:12, how long will God be in charge? _____
- (10) 2 Cor 6:2 tells us that today is what? _____
- (11) In Psalm 102:24-27, how many generations will God's years last? _____
- (12) According to Matt 6:27 how much time can we add to our life span? _____
- (13) According to Isaiah 46:9-11 how long has God known what is going to happen? _____
- (14) In Luke 12:16-20 how did the man's plans for the future work out? _____
- (15) According to Ps 90:4 & 2 Pet 3:8 what is like a day to God? _____
- (16) In Is 49:8 when did God answer? _____
- (17) In 2 Corinthians 6:2 when is the day of salvation? _____
- (18) What is the difference between God's relationship to time and ours? _____

Think & Pray _____

- (19) Sometimes we compliment someone by saying, "He has a lot of potential" or "She really learns quickly." Should we compliment God in the same way? (Hints: Malachi 3:6 and James 1:17)

Think & Pray _____

----- "TIME" POSSIBLE ANSWERS -----

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- (1) According to Ecc 3:1-8 What does every event have? An appointed time
 - (2) In 1st Timothy 1:17, how long will God exist? forever (He is eternal and immortal)
 - (3) In Psalms 33, how far into the future has God planned? Forever
 - (4) Ecc 11:1 If you cast your bread on the waters, when will you find it? After many days
 - (5) In Isaiah 46:10, how long will God's plans stand? Forever or until the end or always
 - (6) According to Prov 27:1 what do we know about tomorrow? Nothing
 - (7) In Psalm 90:2, God is God from when to when? Everlasting to everlasting
 - (8) In James 4:13-16 we find our life is how substantial? It is a vanishing vapor
 - (9) According to Psalm 102:12, how long will God be in charge? Forever
 - (10) 2 Cor 6:2 tells us that today is what? The day of salvation
 - (11) In Psalm 102:24-27, how many generations will God's years last? All of them
 - (12) According to Matt 6:27 how much time can we add to our life span? None
 - (13) According to Isaiah 46:9-11 how long has God known what is going to happen? Always
 - (14) In Luke 12:16-20 how did the man's plans for the future work out? They didn't
 - (15) According to Ps 90:4 & 2 Pet 3:8 what is like a day to God? A thousand years
 - (16) In Is 49:8 when did God answer? In the favorable time
 - (17) In 2 Corinthians 6:2 when is the day of salvation? Now
- (18) What is the difference between God's relationship to time and ours? Time is God's creature, not His master. He transcends it. We on the other hand, are helpless to do anything about it. So, when we are making decisions that will have an impact on the future, who should we listen to? Whose advice should we seek?
- (19) Sometimes we compliment someone by saying, "He has a lot of potential" or "She really learns quickly." Should we compliment God in the same way? Not in my opinion. God is complete and perfect; He does not change or improve. (See Malachi 3:6 and James 1:17) "Seen from a logical viewpoint, there are several reasons why it is impossible for God to change. First, if anything changes it must do so in some chronological order. There must be a point in time before the change and a point in time after the change. Therefore, for change to take place it must happen within the constraints of time; however, God is eternal and exists outside of the constraints of time." From: <http://www.gotquestions.org/immutability-God.html>.

For further thought:

- (20) Compare Ecc 7:1 and 1 Cor 15:31-32. What did you learn about Paul's life?
- (21) What does Ephesians 5:15-16 mean?
- (22) The word "time" appears over 700 times in the Bible. Look up an appearance in each book of the Bible and try to draw a conclusion about how the word is used in the Bible. (Words associated with the concept of time like eternity, forever, everlasting, forever, eternally, moment, day, month, always, or evermore, to name a few, appear over three thousand times in the Bible. Look for some of those as well.)