

Do Earthly Seasons Have Anything To Do With The Spirit Realm?

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"It's your season!" I have that written in a list of church clichés – religious phrases used so much and applied in so many circumstances that they've lost their meaning. Recently, during one of our Bible study classes, I was asked what a preacher means when he/she says, "It's your season!" The claim leads people who are in desperate situations to ramp up their materialistic pull on God, looking for the Lord to give, give, give because "it's time" for them to receive, receive, receive. Many people thought that last year was their season; and many people will think that this year is their season; but what is true in the Kingdom of God?

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Jeremiah 33:20-21 says, “. . . Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season: Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.” The Lord clearly shows to the prophet that day is a season and night is a season. They are seasons by covenant, meaning the sun and moon will both rise and set until the end of the world. Consequently, we can rely on these seasons and their functions. We can rest assured that the activities of earth-living, conducted during the day and night, will continue until the very end.

These two seasons - day and night - are seasons within seasons. **Genesis 8:22** says, “While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” A series of day and night seasons compose summer and winter. Summer and winter are earthly seasons that have temperatures – heat and cold. And within these seasons, in the midst of the temperatures and weather, there are seed times and times of harvest. In other words, there are basically only two seasons – the seasons in which we work and rest, sowing and reaping bounty during the day and night.

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My considerations so far, in this, have been natural or earthly; but the seasons that rule over our lives do have spiritual implications. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** tells us more plainly that everything has a season and every purpose has a time. “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heave: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to

mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.” The preacher of Ecclesiastes speaks of earthly things such as building; emotional things such as weeping; physical things such as dancing; and spiritual things such as loving. The seasons cover our mortal and immortal lives, continuing at birth, at death, and after death in the resurrection.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, “He hath made everything beautiful in his time.” Clarifying to whom the season belongs, it reads “in **his** time.” So is it your season; or is it God’s season? The seasons and times belong to God. **Acts 1:7-8** tells us, “And he said unto them, it is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Knowing that mankind is already knowledgeable of earthly seasons, the Lord, in this passage of Scripture, is speaking of spiritual seasons. It is not for us to know or focus on the times and seasons but to have our hearts set on walking in Holy Ghost power and on reaping what we’ve sown. In light of the Father’s seasons being literally none of our business, why do ministers know and try to tell others when their particular seasons are? Is it your season; and is it ever your season?

Yes, it is our season; but it is always our season. The seasons do not turn on and off; but we must understand this in the proper context. If we lack the correct understanding, then our lust for food, properties, relationships and other human comforts cause us to be nothing but a wicked generation seeking signs. “The Pharisees, also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather; for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring, O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed,” **Matthew 16:1-4.**) Be aware that the seasons and the signs of the seasons are different issues entirely. The seasons belong to God and are His to know; but the signs of the seasons are ours to discern just as we discern the seasons of this planet.

While you are alive it is “your season,” as preachers have informed you. It is each of our seasons to work while it is day because the night is coming (**John 9:4**). Stated in that way, the seasons are not so attractive, are they? We are to plant, though, during times of lack, using faithful stewardship to live (without gluttony or greed) on the yield from previous harvests. During the times of plenty, we reap the things that we’ve planted to give them away and to store them for sustenance later. Our concern should not be with the season but with the seed and the fruit of the seed. Are you planting with Holy Ghost power? Are you planting things you want to see later? Will you and others be able to welcome the fruit of your planting season; or when the harvest comes will people wish you hadn’t planted at all? We must also be sure that we are not planting during harvest

time and harvesting during the time of planting. I believe this is the main problem of God's people on this matter – performing the right action during the wrong season. Take note that if you harvest during planting season, you're only going to reap seeds and dwarfed plants leftover from the previous harvest.

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Galatians 6:7-10, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Notice that it is a mockery against God for you not to reap what you have sown; and because God is not mocked, we **will** reap what we've sown! Also, notice that the season is a **due** season, meaning it is **owed** (because of covenant) and **timely** (because it is put in the Father's power) and, therefore, is on its way. In other words, when it is time to plant, you can be sure the time of plucking up is coming; and when it is time to pluck up, be sure that the time of planting is coming. The Bible goes on to say that because the coming of the seasons is inevitable, do not be weary and do not faint. This Scripture text also causes us to know that if we faint we cannot reap. This doesn't mean that there will be no harvest. A harvest will grow; but those who faint will be weak, sleep or otherwise distracted – too feeble, unsteady and diminished to take anything from the fields. You will reap if you faint not!

II Corinthians 9:6-7 says, “But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. (*It is good to read the entire ninth chapter in reference to this topic.*) We now know that those who are strong and awake reap from the fields; but it is possible to reap a lot or a little, depending upon if you sowed a lot or a little. Take note, again, here that givers and sowers are the same people. Galatians instructs us to sow into the Spirit of God. His Spirit is our fertile soil and we plant by giving liberally, cheerfully and abundantly to others. (“ . . . For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me . . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me,” **Matthew 25:35-36, 40**). **Proverbs 19:17** adds, “He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.” Sowers are givers; and givers are sowers. The amount of their fruit is a direct result of the amount of their planted seed. Bountiful givers are on the Lord's spiritual payroll (and He pays incorruptible wages)! Do you give the Lord such loans as these? No doubt, many people will lose their souls because of selfishness of seeking “their own personal” season, rather than understanding the Landlord/Husbandman; the location of the vineyard; what God considers to be seed; and the signs that tell them when to sow and reap.

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You will plant; and you will reap. Even if you choose to do nothing, the **nothing** is your seed. You can even plant good seed and refuse to harvest what you've reaped, letting fruit rot in the field. However you choose to deal with your planting and harvesting, seedtime and harvest will not stop during your lifetime. Your spiritual seed, spiritual planting, spiritual reaping (growth) and spiritual harvest (taking it out of the ground for giving or for use) are all equally critical times that cannot be ignored or misused or flippantly preached on by the ministers of God. The reason? **The principle of sowing and reaping governs the salvation of souls, not the fattening of bank accounts. Seed, in the Bible, never refers to CASH, CREDIT or DEBIT. It is the act of "giving" that is seed, not "what" you give.**

In **John 4:34-38**, Jesus says "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours." While we look for natural harvests, Jesus says that spreading the Gospel message and providing discipleship for converts is sowing and reaping. Most people don't like to hear this. They look for sowing and reaping to increase their levels of pleasure, ease and contentment. But sowing and reaping is first a principle of the Kingdom of God, not a principle of the flesh or carnality. The earthly seasons of our lives must secondarily mirror the seasons of the spiritual realm!

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Matthew 13:37-42, ". . . He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." (*Reference Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43.*) Note that the Lord's field for planting is the earth because we are human; but for **His people**, His planting in the earth is also a planting in His kingdom. Note that while the Lord plants in the earth, and subsequently His kingdom, **our** field is His Spirit. Thus, it is inherently wrong for the Church to teach that planting is solely carnal, natural, money-oriented or earthly.

If we planted in the correct places, we would surely come to understand whether or not "it's our season" in greater ways, without anyone having to tell us.

Jesus, in the book of Matthew, expresses that life on earth is a time of planting in the spirit world. There are two planters: the Son of Man (Jesus, our Lord) and satan. In

other words, while you are planting, you are being planted. Seasons within seasons. Jesus continues letting us know that the end of the world is the final harvest where the good (wheat) and the evil (tares) are grown up **and** have grown up together. It is also the final reaping where the wheat and tares are plucked (unplanted) from the earth. And finally, the reapers of both sinners and saints are the angels. **Revelation 14:15-16** says, “And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.” (*Reference Revelation 14:14-19.*) Why do the holy angels reap **all**? Because **Ezekiel 18:4** declares, “Behold, all souls are mine . . .” This is seedtime and harvest.

At this dawn of a new year, do something different. Instead of coming up with a fancy phrase that rhymes with the year, teach God’s people how to (1) identify signs of the times and how to (2) utilize and (3) maximize the seasons of the spiritual realm by (4) planting the right seed in the right season and (5) harvesting fruit when it is ripe! This makes a great Bible Study lesson! If you print or otherwise use this Scriptural lesson, please, acknowledge its author – Prophetess Telhare’sha – and the Kingdom of Life ministry. This article may be posted later at our website – www.kingdomoflife.info. What are your experiences with and understandings of the spiritual seasons? Expand. Expound. Consider. – **Prophetess Telhare’sha**