

GOD'S PERFECT TIMING ~ JOHN 7:10-36

→ Scripture Reading Ps. 46:1-3 Gal. 4:3-5

NOW IT IS THE RIGHT TIME ~ John 7:10-24

[10] However, after his brothers had left for the Feast, he went also, not publicly, but in secret. [11] Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for him and asking, "Where is that man?" [12] Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others replied, "No, he deceives the people." [13] But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the Jews. [14] Not until halfway through the Feast did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. [15] The Jews were amazed and asked, "How did this man get such learning without having studied?" [16] Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.

Mark 1:22 (NIV) The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

[17] If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. [18] He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.

95% of knowing the will of God consist in being willing to do it before you know what it is. ~ D. G. Barnhouse

...if you choose to do God's will you will discover that Jesus' teaching expresses God's will completely and that Jesus does not speak on His own but as the WORD of God. ~ D.A. Carson

[19] Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?" [20] "You are demon-possessed," the crowd answered. "Who is trying to kill you?" [21] Jesus said to them, "I did one miracle, and you are all astonished. [22] Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a child on the Sabbath. [23] Now if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath? [24] Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment."

IT IS NOT MY TIME - YET ~ John 7:25-36

[25] At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill? [26] Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Christ? [27] But we know where this man is from; when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from."

APPLICATION

Psalm 46:1-3 God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

[2] So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. [3] Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge! (NLT)

Because God is Our...

- Refuge
- Strength
- Help in Times of Trouble

...WE (*Statement of purpose*)

- WILL NOT FEAR

[28] Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, [29] but I know him because I am from him and he sent me." [30] At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his time had not yet come. [31] Still, many in the crowd put their faith in him. They said, "When the Christ comes, will he do more miraculous signs than this man?" [32] The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him.

→ **They could not lay a hand on Him because the Father's hand was over Him** (Bib Kn. Com.)

[33] Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me. [34] You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come." [35] The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? [36] What did he mean when he said, 'You will look for me, but you will not find me,' and 'Where I am, you cannot come'?"

TAKE AWAY ??

Galatians 4:3-7 (NLT) And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were slaves to the spiritual powers of this world. [4] But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. [5] God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

Prayer is surrender, surrender to the Will of God and Cooperation with that Will. If we throw out a boat hook from a boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, we do not pull the shore to us, we pull ourselves to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to our Will, but bringing our lives into line with the His Will." ~ E. S. Jones