

There Is a Time...

Scripture reading: Isaiah 55:11

There is a time, a tenure that is given to me. A tenure in which I should attain to what God has ordained for me to be. There is also a tenure that you have, a time. What are you doing in your time to achieve that which God has ordained for you to be? It says in Ecclesiastes 3:2 that there is a time appointed, a time to live, and a time to die. Look at all the beautiful little children - there is a time for them to die. But guess what? They are going to be given enough time to accomplish that which God has ordained for the sons of God to do. Hebrews 11:40 says, "*God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.*" They had a tenure, a time, an area of time in which the grace of God would bring man, humanity, to a certain spot in his development. You have a piece. Everybody has his part.

Moses also had his part; he had to bring the Jews, their order, their lives, their suffering, for the sake of all humanity, to a certain point of their development. There were the hosts of hell, demons, devils who were working contrary to this and God would not intervene. God would not intervene! What did God do? God gave Moses the power. God gave us the power. The Bible says, "*death reigned from Adam to Moses*" (Romans 5:14). My God, how can I understand that? "*...death reigned from Adam to Moses.*" Why didn't the Bible say, "Death reigned from Adam to Jesus?" The Bible said, "*death reigned from Adam to Moses.*" That means that Moses had a time. God gave him 120 years and in his tenure he was to stop death by the power that God had given him. Now, what power did God give Moses? He gave him the power of the law. Amen. Because the Bible said that every word of God is yea and amen and it must accomplish that whereunto God had sent it (II Corinthians 1:20, Isaiah 55:11). So God sent Moses with the law. Now, before the law, sin could not be imputed (Romans 5:13). Did you know that? Nobody could go to hell. That is a hard one to swallow, but none of the wicked men could go into a permanent condition of everlasting torment. But then, nobody could go to heaven, either.

What am I talking about? I am talking about the condition. The Bible said that before the law, sin could not be imputed to man (Romans 5:13). Do you know why? You were born in sin. You were shapen in iniquity (Psalm 51:5). You had nothing to do with it. You were born that way. Can I send you to hell because you were born a sinner? No, sir. I have to give you the power to overthrow sin; you have to become responsible and then you have to fail; only then you become guilty. So without a law, there could be no guilt established.

So then, God gave Moses the law and Moses, now actually being the keeper of the law, found life within the law. He found deliverance within the law. Why? Because it was God's Word and God's Word must have deliverance and must have life. Moses found that there was one escape, one loophole from sin in the law. What did Moses do to stop the devil from taking him? Three times a year, every Israelite would take a lamb to the priest. He would offer a sacrifice and his sins were forgiven right there (Leviticus 16:34). God came to Moses and said, "Moses, you are to go up into the mountain and there you shall die" (Deuteronomy 32:48-50). Now Moses, in his law, says that no man must come before the Lord without an offering, so we do know that Moses had a little lamb under his arm. Moses could not face God without an offering. He was going to die when he made that offering. He killed the lamb, died immediately and his sins were forgiven. When the devil came and wanted the body of Moses, the angel rebuked him (Jude 9). So through the blood of the lamb, he was delivered from death and found life.

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