



FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

A Promise of God



ECCLESIASTES

3:1-13



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To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
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.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKP4cfU28vM>



WHAT DOES THIS TIME OF THE PANDEMIC AND SOCIAL INJUSTICE SAY ABOUT OUR EMOTIONS?

IT IS A TIME TO MOURN

- More than 190,000 have died as a result of the coronavirus.

IT IS A TIME TO REFRAIN FROM EMBRACING

- Oh, how we miss the physical contact we took for granted!

IT IS A TIME TO WEEP

- Our cities are rocked with violence and destruction.



IT IS A TIME FOR ANGER

- Anger at rogue policemen who betray the good policemen by their actions
- Anger at the looters and agitators who do nothing constructive to affect change
- Anger at those who through their rhetoric inflame hatred and division in our country

IT IS TIME TO HATE

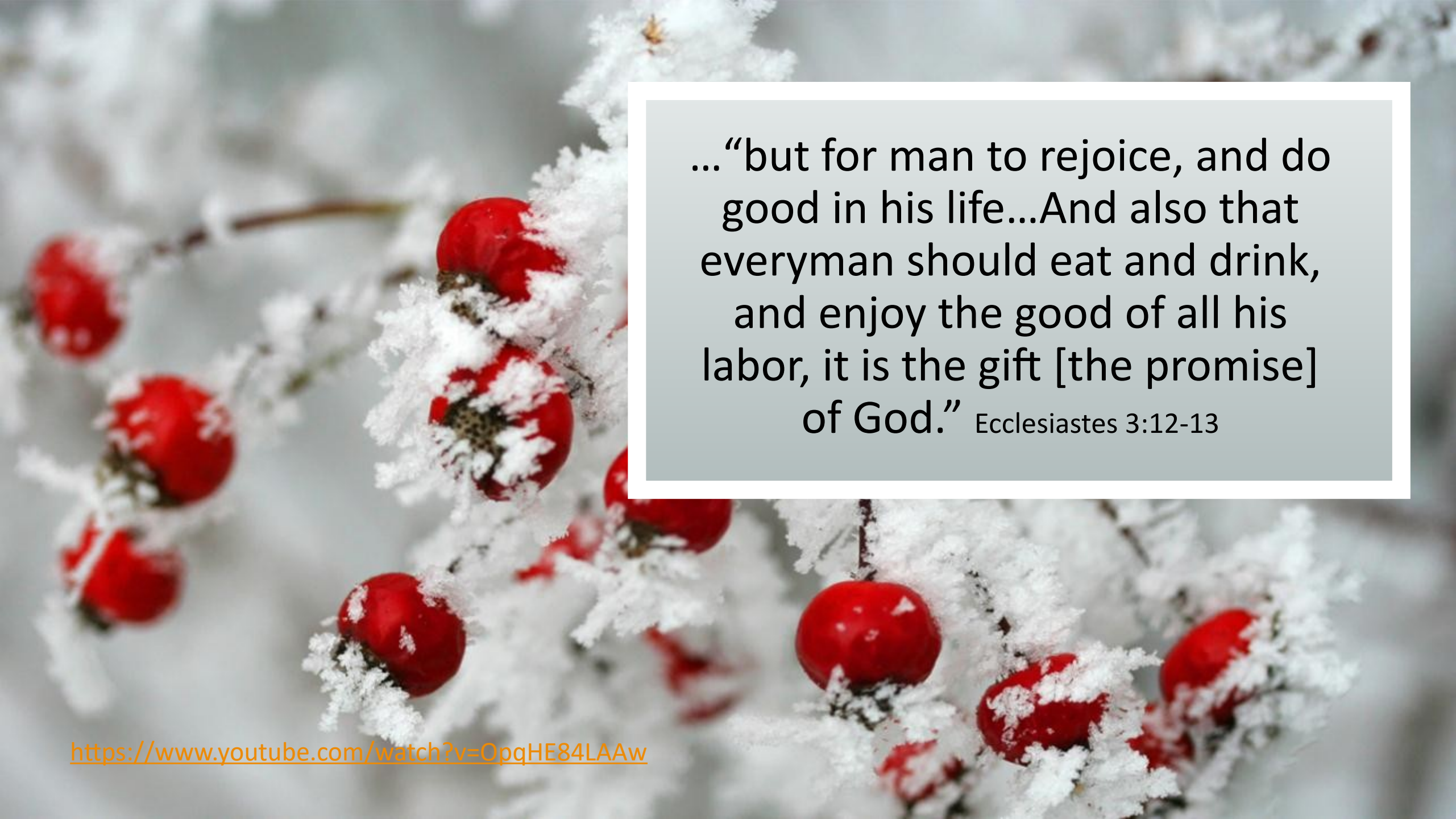
- Not our brothers and sisters who are suffering in too many ways for us to truly understand, but what is happening to us
- Hate the lack of moral leadership
- Hate that our God, our faith is being used to undermine the ability to find peace and compromise in the midst of our differences

A tropical beach scene with palm trees in the foreground and turquoise water in the background. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text "WHAT CAN WE DO?" is overlaid on a white rectangular background in the upper right quadrant.

WHAT CAN WE
DO?

The background of the image is a soft-focus collage of autumn leaves in various colors including red, orange, yellow, and green. A large, detailed red maple leaf is prominent on the left side. Other leaves are scattered throughout, some in sharp focus and others blurred, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall lighting is warm and bright, typical of a sunny autumn day.

THERE IS A
RHYTHM



...“but for man to rejoice, and do good in his life...And also that everyman should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift [the promise] of God.” Ecclesiastes 3:12-13



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