

***There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—***

***A time to give birth and a time to die; Ecclesiastes 3 : 1***

Sometimes our idea of time can be completely at odds with God's concept of time. Here when the preacher says that there is a time for everything, a time to be born and a time to die, he means God's appointed time and not our time.

Given a choice we would all like to postpone our day of death as late as possible. Our date of death would be when we think we have completely all our worldly duties.

But God's conception of time is entirely different. He looks at our life through His purposes.

This evening I attended a memorial prayer meeting for a very young energetic strapping young man who was vibrant one moment and snap gone the other moment.

Even as our whole church community is reeling under the shock, many of his friends testified about him. He was a great friend, wonderful son and husband and always put God first. Yet he has very small children. He wouldn't have wanted to die.

But I think God saw in a very different perspective altogether. Did He not know the little toddler needs the father? On the human level it is just so hard to understand. Even if we want to think on what God would have thought would also leave us baffled.

But one thing is sure is that it was God's appointed time for this dear young man to go Home. God knew when He would be born and to whom. And God trained him in all the ways of his life. And one day He simply said, "Son come Home."

Though this bereavement is hardest on the wife, children and the mother, the deceased himself would be in heaven rejoicing. God in His own compassion, grace and mercy should give us the wisdom to go on trusting Him and leaning on those everlasting arms.

Until our time, which the Lord has apportioned for us, comes we have to keep running the race fixing our eyes on the Author and Perfecter of our faith, our Lord Jesus Christ.