

MIRACLE MINISTRY PREMIER NEWSLETTER [January-June 2004]

Understanding Seasons (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11).

Hello and welcome to the birth of Miracle Ministry. Truly, the Lord is faithful and He makes all things beautiful in His time (Ecclesiastes3:11). Looking back from the season of conception up to this season up to this season of JOY, I boldly proclaim that the Lord is good! I remember the tough times that preceded the birth of this ministry and now I can truly say that nothing is too hard for the Lord (Jeremiah 32:17).

In this first edition of the Miracle Ministry Newsletter, we would be considering the topic "Understanding Seasons". Seasons are timings for particular events and they are not permanent. They come and go. It is important to understand the season we are in so as to take the right actions in such seasons. In Nigeria for example, we have 3 major seasons: dry season, wet season and the harmattan period/season. The dry season is usually characterized by high temperatures, the wet season is noted for rain and the harmattan is noted for intense cold. It is therefore necessary for the farmer in each scenario described to know what crops to plant for each season because certain seasons do not favor certain crops. Likewise also, we as blood washed believers should try to understand the season we are in so as to sow the right seed in the right season. In the season of difficulty, we ought to trust God and never give up; in the season of joy, we need to give thanks and testimonies/praise reports; etc. A familiar saying reads: "happy moments — praise God; difficult moments — seek God; quiet moments — worship God; painful moments — trust God; every moment — thank God".

Reading through Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, we will discover some of the different kinds of seasons there are. Interestingly, that portion of our text ends with "He hath made everything beautiful in his time..." That lets us know that whatsoever we go through that seems tough will turn out beautiful in his time (Amen!). Therefore we ought to endure as good soldiers of Christ (2Thimothy 2:3) for in due season we shall reap if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9). Scriptures of encouragement and hope in a season of difficulty are 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Romans 8:18, 28 & 31; Proverbs 18:10; Proverbs 21:1; Psalm 91; Psalm 126:5 & 6; Exodus 14:14; Gen 18:14; Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 and Philippians 4:4. We should hide God's words in our heart so that in the season they are required, they will spring forth from within us and give us wisdom, light and hope.

Psalm 30 declares "...weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning". The "may" in this verse implies that the weeping may or may not endure for a night i.e. the weeping may not even last the whole night but <u>surely</u>, joy cometh in the morning.

Brethren, my morning time of joy has come!

