



GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

LESSON #8: OUR VALUES

Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds (February 25, 2018)

TEXT: *There is a time to love and a time to hate. There is a time for war and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:8).*

INTRODUCTION: You are probably familiar with the phrase “*Timing Is Everything*” and realize its significance. In **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**, Solomon tells us that life is really a matter of timing. If timing is everything, how should we live? In these verses, he makes twenty-eight statements (14 pairs of contrasts). What do these words mean? The wisdom of Solomon can bless us. Let’s study together...

DISCUSSION:

I. Love vs. Hate

- A. Jesus Loved (**John 13:34-35**)
- B. Jesus Hated (**I John 3:7-10**)
- C. We Should Love (**I John 4:7-10, 20**)
- D. We Should Hate (**Proverbs 8:13**)

II. War vs. Peace

- A. The Lord is a Warrior (**Exodus 15:1-18, Matthew 10:34-39**)
- B. The Lord is Wise (**John 12:13, Matthew 28:18-20**)
- C. The Lord is Sovereign (**Proverbs 14:34, Romans 13:1-2**)
- D. The Lord is Coming (**Matthew 24-25, Revelation 22:17-21**)

CONCLUSION: Jesus teaches that we need to seek God first (**Matthew 6:33**). Our morals and values are based upon His perfect will. What is your heart telling you right now? Have you given God the time He deserves? Are you obeying Him? Will you surrender your life to Him? What are you willing to give up for Christ? Give Him your life while you still have the time.