



VHG DISCUSSION: THE KINGDOM AT WORK - PART 2

GOD'S ORDAINED SEASONS

The Seasons Of Sitting, Standing, And Sitting:

Summary:

According to the writer of Ecclesiastes, life is a series of seasons all connected by time and purpose. As a result, *"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven,"* [Ecc. 3:1]. This message focuses on three overarching seasons which, God willing, everyone will experience. The first season is that of sitting, which speaks of the early years of one's shaping, forming, and developing. This is followed by the season of standing where one steps into life to execute, to perform, and to produce according to all that was learned and gleaned during the years of sitting. The final season occurs when one sits again, not in a developmental sense, but rather in a position to pour and to impart. When done properly these three seasons reveal the truth that God's dominion is an everlasting dominion and His kingdom is from generation to generation, [Dan. 4:34]. They also reveal that every season is vitally important, with value hidden in every stage of life.

Discussion Questions:

- According to Luke 2:46-52, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, submitted Himself to a season of sitting, growing, learning, developing, and preparing until the day of His presentation at the Jordan, [Luke 3:23]. Discuss concrete ways that we can ensure that we and this current generation appreciate the season of sitting while controlling the urge to rush into the season of standing, not being fully prepared.
- According to Mark 16:19-20, Jesus, having completed the seasons of sitting and standing, entered His final season of sitting, and thus began the age of the Spirit's outpouring, which in like manner sat upon the early believers, [Acts 2:1-4]. This truth must extend to us as His followers. Discuss specific ways that we can benefit from the wisdom and the experience of those who are in their final stage of sitting.

Prayer: Father, Align Us With The True Season Of Our Lives, In Jesus Name.