

Dear Friends,

“There’s a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance... a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace” (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4 & 7-8).

Thought for
the weak



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This is a well-known excerpt from an Old Testament Book, generally believed to be written by King Solomon, and probably dating back to about 950 BC. Some critics detect in these verses a grumpy old man looking at the world at large with a very resigned frame of mind and kind of saying, “What will be, will be, and there’s nothing I can do about it, so I may as well go with it. Such is the world, a mixture of good and bad.”

Of course, for some this may well be one solution in such an unstable world, then as now, to just go with it. Yet for many of us there is a need and a desire to continue to put our trust in God, and pray for a better and more peaceful future, until the day comes when – in the words of a popular hymn – “at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of Glory now”. Not at some point in the future – but King of Glory **now**.

It is all too easy sometimes to simply continue on the merry-go-round without trusting in something – Someone - better, and to think that we can make no difference in helping to make the world a better place. If everyone thought like that then certainly it won’t be. So, let us persevere, even in adversity, and march forward in trust and confidence, and not be grumpy old people never expecting anything to change for the better. This is still a beautiful world inhabited for the most part by good people, and we should never forget that.

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