

Series: He Has Made Everything Beautiful

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HE HAS MADE EVERYTHING BEAUTIFUL IN ITS TIME

☐ SCRIPTURE: ECCLESIASTES 3:11

key theme: God orchestrates the events + circumstances of life with eternity in mind so that throughout time we see glimpses of the beauty of his design.

- God has finished the work of making everything beautiful because we are a part of his divine creation.
 - Knowing that God is the one who has finished the work should give us peace as he sends us out according to His plans.
 - b. The use of the present perfect tense reflects the fact that God has already completed the work, but its effect is now being revealed over time.
- The **beauty** of this life is in the eye of the creator, who has ordered all things according to his purposes.
 - a. True beauty is not beauty because everyone else recognizes the beauty. It is intrinsically placed there by the creator.
 - Our idea of beautiful can be based upon temporal or eternal standards. God's idea of beautiful always has eternity in mind.
 - c. The paradox that we face is that things are beautiful in God's sight before the beauty is revealed in its fullness for others (and sometimes ourselves) to recognize.
- The process of revealing the fullness of God's beauty is done in God's timing.
 - God sets times/seasons to reveal things so that the maturation process can be complete. Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a seed. [John 12:24]
 - b. Don't let the temporary turbulence of life derail you from the season of God's timing.

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