"As each three-month segment of every year holds its own mysteries and plays its own melodies, offering sights and smells, feelings and fantasies altogether distinct, so it is in the seasons of life. The Master is neither mute nor careless as He alters our times and changes our seasons.

How wrong to trudge blindly and routinely through a lifetime or change seasons without discovering answers to the new mysteries and learning to sing the new melodies! Seasons are designed to deepen us, to instruct us in the wisdom and ways of our God. To help us grow strong... like trees planted by the rivers of water."

—Charles R. Swindoll

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God works to build and develop character in me through all the changing circumstances of my life.

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"Time is the only real capital that any human being has, and the only thing he can't afford to lose." —Thomas Edison Hebrew Poetry

Complimentary or Completive

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

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I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. —Psalm 119:11 ESV ¹Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! ²Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, ³who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! ⁴You have commanded your preceptsto be kept diligently. ⁵Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

—Psalm 119:1-5 ESV

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Hebrew Poetry Contrastive

The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts...

—Psalm 119:69 ESV

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God's Rule Extends Over All the Seasons of My Life

Jeremiah 18

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Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

-Adelaide A. Pollard

God's View is Comprehensive and Ours is Limited in Each Season of Life

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²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
 ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
 ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

—James 1:2-4 ESV

...from the beginning to the end.

—Ecclesiastes 3:11 ESV

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"God is sovereignly involved in the life cycle of the sparrow and, therefore, He is profoundly involved in the circumstances of those whom He has made the special objects of His love."

"As a result, we can be assured that even in the face of difficulty, the fatherly providence of God has permitted these things, and He has done so for our good and His glory. He will sustain us and watch over us in the midst of them. One day, He will make clear to us what now we see through a glass dimly." —Alistair Begg

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God's Work is Made Beautiful in Times and Seasons of My Life

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. —Philippians 1:6 ESV

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¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

-Philippians 2:12-13 ESV

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. —Romans 8:28 ESV

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And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

—2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV

God's Grace is Sufficient for Each Season

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But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. —2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV

bringing salvation for all people, bringing salvation for all people, 12training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age...

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...¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. —Titus 2:11-14 ESV

"We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on; his is not the end, but the road." —Martin Luther

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