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God Sets Eternity April 7, 2020 Suzi Armstrong

Ecclesiastes 3.11 AMP

¹¹ He has made everything beautiful *and* appropriate in its time. **He has also planted eternity [a sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [a mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God]—yet man cannot find out (comprehend, grasp) what God has done (His overall plan) from the beginning to the end.**

God has set eternity in our hearts. The Amplified Bible says that eternity is connected to a divine sense of purpose, a divine longing or need that propels us forward. Nothing can satisfy this longing but God. It is an inner knowing that you were made to do something specific that brings impact in your sphere of influence. It is how we mark the earth with the mark that God gave us. It is as if God stamped this part of our destiny in our heart and then we discover it in the course of our life. In turn we stamp, or make our mark, in the earth in God's timing.

This sense of eternity that Father God set in our hearts is a motivating force that propels us forward on the path of life that He ordained for us to walk out. It causes us to seek and search out the mysteries of God. It causes us as believers to dive deep into the unfathomable depths of God. To know Him. To see Him. To stand in awe of Him. Who IS our Father who provided redemption from our sins through His Son Jesus Christ so that we could be eternally united with Him? Oh how we receive LIFE substance and LIFE force through eternity being set in our hearts.

The Lord God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, who was and is and is to come. He is the Ancient of Days seated over time. God sets time and seasons in place. God puts eternity in our hearts as an anchor in His timeline. We have to let go of the past so that it does not become our anchor and prevent us from advancing. Eternity links us to trust, hope, courage and vision.

Psalms 46.10 NIV

¹⁰ He says, **"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

Be still (the Hebrew word raphah). Note that the Hebrew word raphah for "be still" is spelled the same as Raphah our healer or healing. Healing means to make whole, to cure, to mend by stitching. God is saying in this place of stillness before Me be mended and be made whole.

Be still means to:

- Relax (breathe deep and let go of your stress and anxiety, confusion and striving).
- Abate (stop doing stuff – take your hands off).
- Be quiet (stop talking, silence your thoughts and listen).
- To let drop (allow to come in).

"To let drop" has prophetic connotations. There is a prophetic work that God is doing in us as we are confined to our homes in this pause that God put into place. He is having us let go or take our hands off – allowing Him to be fully in control. He is dropping in our hearts a new sense of awe of who He is as we watch Him move in power and in compassion. He is recalibrating us so we are aligned with eternity – with His timeline. He is making us ready to operate in new ways, to have a new attitude. He is purifying our hearts and making us holy as He is holy. We need to "let drop" into the fiber of our being the elements and characteristics that will allow us to partner with God in a whole new era. To be His hands and His mouthpiece in the earth to receive the harvest and disciple nations.

On the other side of this pause is something BIG, something significant. Something that we could define as unusual, not like anything we have seen or experienced before and could not be contained or sustained in the old way. God made us for such a time as this to welcome in and embrace what He has not yet defined to us. He set eternity in our hearts for such a time as this! It is in our DNA to speak, to decree and declare what God is speaking, and He will establish it. God marked us for this time to do exploits – bold and daring feats in His name.

Job 36.31-33, 37.1-7 NIV

³¹ **This is the way he governs the nations**
and provides food in abundance.

³² He fills his hands with lightning
and commands it to strike its mark.

³³ **His thunder announces the coming storm;**
even the cattle make known its approach.

¹ "At this **my heart pounds**
and leaps from its place.

² **Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice,**
to the rumbling that comes from his mouth.

³ He unleashes his lightning beneath the whole heaven
and sends it to the ends of the earth.

⁴ After that comes **the sound of his roar;**
he thunders with **his majestic voice.**

When his voice resounds,
he holds nothing back.

⁵ God's voice thunders in marvelous ways;
he does great things beyond our understanding.

⁶ He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,'
and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.'

⁷ **So that everyone he has made may know his work,**
he stops all people from their labor.

Isaiah 45.5-7 NIV

⁵ **I am the LORD, and there is no other;**
apart from me there is no God.

I will strengthen you,
though you have not acknowledged me,

⁶ so that from the rising of the sun
to the place of its setting
people may know there is none besides me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ **I form the light and create darkness,**
I bring prosperity and create disaster;
I, the LORD, do all these things.

Isaiah 46.9b-11 NIV

⁹ **I am God, and there is no other;**
I am God, and there is none like me.

¹⁰ I make known the end from the beginning,
from ancient times, what is still to come.

I say, '**My purpose will stand,**
and I **will do all that I please.**'

¹¹ From the east I summon a bird of prey;
from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose.

What I have said, that I will bring about;
what I have planned, that I will do.

God is demonstrating His sovereignty. The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon us...

To Detroit and the region, turn your face to the Lord. He is your God and your savior. Call out to Him. Put your trust in Him alone. Do not be bewildered by what you see. Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying this is the way, walk in it. Then you will defile your idols overlaid with silver and your images covered with gold; you will throw them away like a menstrual cloth and say to them away with you!

The Lord says to Detroit, "I am the Lord; that is My name! I will not give my glory to another or My praise to idols. See the former things have taken place, and new things I declare, before they spring into being I announce them to you." Detroit, you are my city whom I have chosen, so that you may know Me and believe Me and understand that I am God alone. I have made you a cradle of creativity, a city of firsts, an influential people. I am putting My sound in you for this new era. You will be My mouthpiece. Great change is at hand. Embrace My timing. I am opening new paths and new doors of your destiny. I know the plans I have for you and I will complete what I began. Put your hope in Me. Do not give in to fear. Stay in My timing, be aligned to Me. I have thrown My lasso around you Detroit, to pull you into My timeline. Do not move out ahead of Me or lag behind, wait on Me and I will cause you to rise up and soar. I am defining you in this hour; do not take on a false identity. Hear My heartbeat and walk in cadence to My rhythm.

Psalm 48.14 TPT

¹⁴ Yes, this is our God, our great God forever.

**He will lead us onward until the end,
through all time, beyond death,
and into eternity!**

Psalm 119.89-91 TPT

⁸⁹ Standing firm in the heavens and **fastened to eternity is the word of God.**

⁹⁰ Your faithfulness flows from one generation to the next;
all that you created sits firmly in place to testify of you.

⁹¹ **By your decree everything stands** at attention,
for all that you have made serves you.

Psalm 9.7-8 TPT

⁷ But **the Lord of eternity, our mighty God, lives and reigns forever!**

He sits enthroned as King ready to render his verdicts
and judge all with righteousness.

⁸ **He will issue his decrees** of judgment,
deciding what is right for the entire world,
dispensing justice to all.

2 Corinthians 4.16-18 TPT

¹⁶ So no wonder we don't give up. For even though our outer person gradually wears out, our inner being is renewed every single day. ¹⁷ **We view our slight, short-lived troubles in the light of eternity. We see our difficulties as the substance that produces for us an eternal, weighty glory far beyond all comparison,** ¹⁸ **because we don't focus our attention on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but the unseen realm is eternal.**