

# SET YOUR WATCH BY GOD'S TIME

## Introduction:

1. Daylight Saving Time
2. God created the heavenly bodies to help us mark time (Gen. 1:14-19).
3. There is a spiritual lesson to be learned from this truth.

## I. God Works on His Schedule

- A. Some examples:
  1. Promise to Abraham / Birth of Isaac (Gen. 12:1-3; 17:19-21; 18:10-14; 21:2) – *To show His faithfulness*
  2. Ten Plagues (Exo. 9:1-7, 14) – *To show His power*
  3. Deliverance by Esther (Est. 4:14) – *To show His people*
  4. Day of Pentecost (Acts 1:6-7; 2:30-36) – *To show His truth*
- B. This should affect how we plan (James 4:13-15; Prov. 19:21; Acts 18:21; 1 Cor. 4:19; 16:7).
- C. This should affect how we pray.
  1. Job (Job 19:7; 30:20; 42:1-6)
  2. Jairus (Mark 5:22-24, 35-43)
  3. Jesus (Luke 23:34)
- D. This should affect how we persevere (Rom. 8:28, 35-39; 5:3-4; Gen. 50:20; Psalm 46:1-3).

## II. God's Word Is Our Standard

- A. Consider man's change in attitude with the changing of a standard.
  1. From BC and AD to BCE and CE
  2. Galileo – *Sun, not Earth is center of solar system*
  3. Darwin – *Man is just another animal*
- B. God's Word is our standard in salvation.
  1. H, B, R, C, B (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6; Luke 13:3; Rom. 10:10; Acts 2:38)
  2. We must follow His standard (John 8:32; Gal. 1:6-9).
- C. God's Word is our standard in faithfulness (1 Jn. 1:7; Rev. 2:10).
- D. God's Word is our standard in worship.
  1. Preaching, Prayer, Singing, Giving, Lord's Supper
  2. Consider the results of deviating from God's standard (*instrumental music → modernism*).
- E. God's Word is our standard in organization.
  1. Elders, Deacons, working members
  2. Acts 20:28ff (*departure → Catholicism → denominationalism*)
- F. God's Word is our standard in work.
  1. Benevolence, Evangelism, Edification
  2. (*social gospel → sports teams, etc.*)
- G. We must make sure our lives are ordered by God's standard.

## III. God's Will Is Our Salvation

- A. God's purpose is man's salvation (Galatians 4:4-5; Luke 19:10).
- B. Thus, He has given us His Son and His Word.
- C. Is your watch set by God's standard?