“The gods confound the man who first found out how to distinguish hours! Confound him who has cut and hacked my days so wretchedly into small pieces. Confound him who in this place set up a sundial.” – Roman playwright, Plautus

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

The Wisdom of Solomon: It’s About Time!

1. God is sovereign over all our time (v. 1-8)

Job 42:2
Psalm 115:3
Acts 17:26
Ephesians 1:11
Job 14:5
Psalm 139:16
Proverbs 19:21
Proverbs 20:24
Proverbs 21:1
Jeremiah 29:11

2. Without God our time is ultimately meaningless (v. 9-11)

“That God does not exist, I cannot deny, that my whole being cries out for God I cannot forget.” – Jean-Paul Sartre

“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.” – C.S. Lewis

3. With God our time has ultimate meaning (v. 12-15)

A) Our time in this world (v. 12-14)

*Carpe Diem* (Latin) = “Seize the day”
“Fear” = reverence or trust

Romans 8:28
Isaiah 64:8

“God is God. He knows what he is doing. When you can’t trace his hand, trust his heart.” – Max Lucado

B) Our time in eternity (v. 15)

Revelation 21:1-5