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Toward Godly Aspiration and Grateful Contentment “Promise and Time, |”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Ephesians 5:16; Genesis 12ff.

Take a first look.

William Wordsworth, *Ode: Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood*.
Lines 51-57, and C. S. Lewis *Surprised by Joy: The Shape of My Early Life*

Take a closer look at Promise and Time from Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1, et al.

I. We Must Learn to Discern both _____ and _____.

1. There is a longing for the _____ in every heart. Ecclesiastes 3:1-11.
2. Temporary things are merely _____ and can be enjoyed only as such. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
3. But we must live in the _____ of time.
4. Time and _____ belong to God, and we must seek to take this into account each day. Chronos represented time measured by the clock. Kairos denoted time as an occasion rather than as an event. Ephesians 5:15-16

II. Chronos and Kairos: A Biblical Example: _____ the Father of Faith. Genesis 12ff.

1. The _____ of God to Abraham was amazing!
2. The passing of _____ was hard to endure.
3. The lack of any _____ fulfillment of the promise tested Abraham's faith.

Take it home (applications).

I. God is at work in our lives and in His world on His _____.

II. We must _____ Him.