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**KNOWING THE TIME OF YOUR
VISITATION**

“Time” in Greek

Chronos	Kairos
A specific amount of time, such as a day or hour	God’s appointed time/opportunity in the purpose of God
A sequence of moments emphasizing the duration of time	A specific time/moment/season
Linear and quantitative	Nonlinear and qualitative

Luke 19:41-44

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

⁴¹ Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."



Background

Triumphant Entry
to Jerusalem



Jerusalem missed their
visitation from God in 2
aspects:

1. Jerusalem missed God's
Kairos Moment
2. Jerusalem missed God's
Chosen Messiah



1.
Jerusalem missed
God's Kairos Moment



2.
Jerusalem missed
God's Chosen Messiah

Mismatched Expectation



Rejection and Unbelief



Hardening of Hearts



Judgement



Isaiah 6:9-10 (NLT Greek Version)

And he said, “Go and say to this people, When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend.’ ***For the hearts of these people are hardened,*** and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see, / and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.”

2 Corinthians 3:14

¹⁴ But the people's minds were hardened, and to this day whenever the old covenant is being read, the same veil covers their minds so they cannot understand the truth. And this veil can be removed only by believing in Christ.

Hardening of Hearts

In the Scriptures various aspects of human anatomy are used to define the whole person, but the most frequently used is heart. The heart is the seat of emotion, intelligence, morality, human choice, and one's religious life. The heart, in effect, is the whole person in all of his or her distinctive human activity as a thinking, planning, willing, feeling, worshiping, socially interacting being. And, of course, when the person is not living according to God's will, it is the heart that is described as darkened, rebellious, callous, unfeeling, or idolatrous.

It is within the heart that God works; hence the human heart may be tender and soft or as hard as stone. It is in this context that hardening or hardness of the heart must be understood. The heart represents the total response of a person to life around him or her and to the religious and moral demands of God. Hardness of heart thus describes a negative condition in which the person ignores, spurns, or rejects the gracious offer of God to be a part of his or her life.

(Bible Study Tools)

Hebrews 3:12-15

¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be **hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.** ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, ¹⁵ while it is said:

"Today, if you will hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."



Acts: 3:19

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Preparing for the Visitation of God

Cure for the Hardening of Hearts

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3 Points

1. Repent
2. Return
3. Refreshing

Proverbs 16:6

In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity;
And by the fear of the LORD *one* departs from evil.



A Picture of Repentance

Luke 19:1-9

19 Then *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. ² Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³ And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

⁶ So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷ But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost "

Visitation of God

1. Personal lives - intimate relationship because 2nd coming is near
2. Church – how are we to move forward as a church. Will we do what God requires us to do
3. Harvest field – fields are ripe with harvest. Where I am there will my servant be also.