



GOD'S RHYTHMS *of* GRACE

Perpetually Cyclical Seasons

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Ecclesiastes 3:3

**a time to kill
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Ecclesiastes 3:4

a time to weep
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Ecclesiastes 3:6

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**I have seen the burden God
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**He has made everything
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Ecclesiastes 3:13

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God does it so that people
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and God will call
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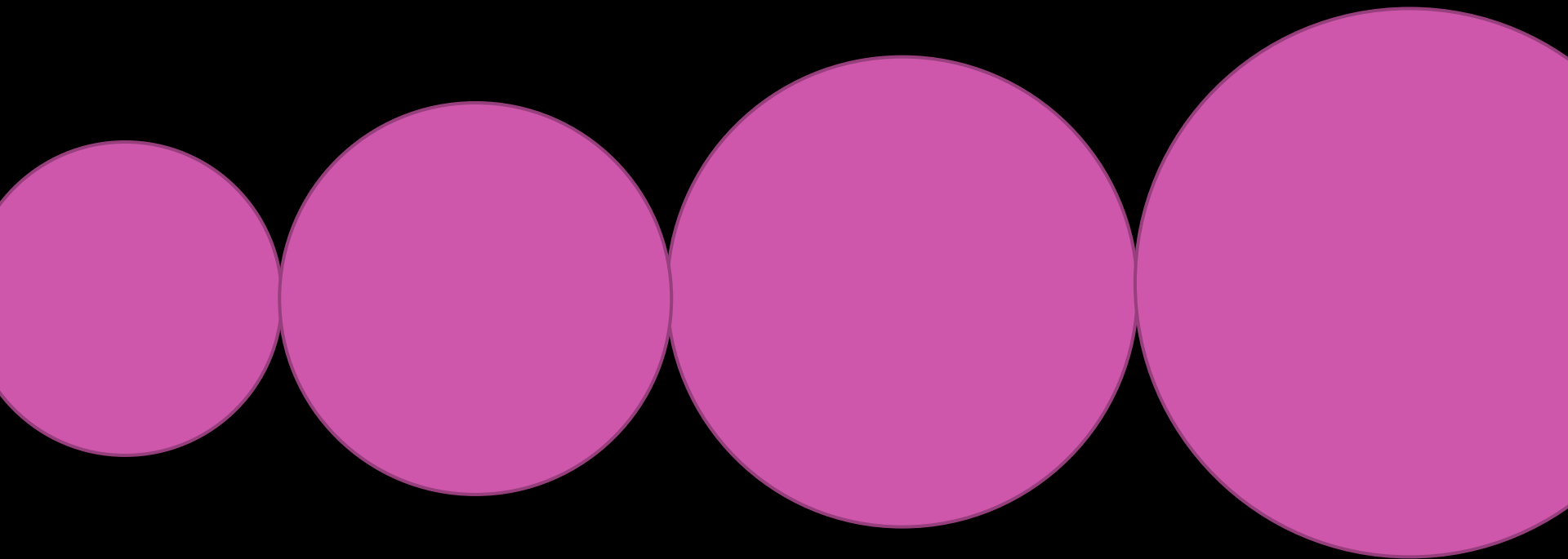
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Rhythm

A strong, regular, repeated pattern of movement or sound.

Rhythms of Grace

God's intentional and spiritual patterns for humanity that account for the nourishment His children need for redemption, rest, and renewal as they each run their race.



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The Finite Game

- **Clear Start and Finish**
- **Boundaries**
- **Rules**
- **Points**
- **Clear Winner/Loser**
- **Time limit**
- **Microsoft vs. Apple**

The Infinite Game

It doesn't have a start or finish you can see, or effect. Its focus is on being a part of the glorious and permanent victory against Satan, evil, and all those principalities and powers of the unseen world.

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The Word of God portrays time and perpetually cyclical seasons as an entity that is shaped by God alone to move all of reality towards His own beautiful goals.

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All of reality (past, present, and future), is not something that is primarily driven by social, political, national, global, or even supernatural forces. It is shaped by God, who acts in accordance with His character to move time along towards His own goals.

Principle #4

**There are times when
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things that God has given to us
in the past in order to give us
what God has for us in the
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Principle #6

We must recognize that in accordance with perpetually cyclical seasons, there's no way to avoid the uncomfortable or barren looking “in-between” period that usually takes much longer than we think it should.

Principle #7

The key to thriving in the darkest or hardest of seasons, is to grip everything you hold dear with an open hand, so that you are always primed and ready to cling to God .



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