The Appointed Time

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This is Derek Prince with a word for you from the Word.

"My days are like the evening shadow; I wither away like grass. But you, O LORD, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations. You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come." (Psalm 102:16–18 NIV)

There's a picture of a man in deep dejection, loneliness, despair. He feels his life is ebbing away like the evening shadows and there's so little time left for him. He says, "I'm withering away like grass." Have you ever felt like that? And what do you do if you ever feel like that? Do what that man did. He looked away from himself, his own situation, he lifted up his eyes to the Lord and he saw the Lord by faith, on His throne, and he realized that the Lord doesn't change with our situations and circumstances. The Lord is always on His throne. He never abdicates; He's always in total control.

And then he realizes that there's going to come a time of compassion and mercy. He says, "It's time to show favor to Zion; the appointed time has come." I believe there's a prophetic time. I believe we are living in that time when God is determined to show mercy to His people, to restore His people. So let's look away from our problems, our distresses, our anxieties. Let's look, like the psalmist, up to the throne of God, see God there on His throne and realize He's ready to show mercy.