

- This thing all things devours:
Birds, beasts, trees, flowers;
Gnaws iron, bites steel;
Grinds hard stones to meal;
Slays king, ruins town,
And beats high mountain down.

- I can't be saved, though people try.
When fun is had, they say I fly. They
say I'm money: I can be spent, I can
be wasted, but never lent.

The background is a dark blue gradient with a subtle pattern of small white dots. On the left side, there are several overlapping circular elements. A prominent feature is a large circular scale with tick marks and numbers ranging from 140 to 260. Other circles include solid lines, dashed lines, and arrows, suggesting a sense of motion or measurement. The overall aesthetic is technical and futuristic.

TIME

IMPORTANCE OF TIME!

- Created first - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

- Other creations were made as markers of its presence.
 - Day 1 Light – Night and Day, Evening and Morning
 - Day 4 Sun, Stars, Moon – “let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years” (Gen 1:14b)

POWER OF TIME

- Humans have never been able to alter or control it.
- The human mind can actually fathom how it works and hypothetically theorize the possibility to manipulate their position in it – but still cannot control it.
- God has manipulated it twice that is recorded
 - ⁷ ““This is the Lord’s sign to you that the Lord will do what he has promised: ⁸ I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.”” So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down. (Isaiah 38:7-8)

- ⁷ So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men. ⁸ The Lord said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.”
- ⁹ After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise. ¹⁰ The Lord threw them into confusion before Israel, so Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah. ¹¹ As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the Lord hurled large hailstones down on them, and more of them died from the hail than were killed by the swords of the Israelites.
- ¹² On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel:

(Joshua 10:7-15)

- “Sun, stand still over Gibeon,
and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.”
¹³ So the sun stood still,
and the moon stopped,
till the nation avenged itself on[b] its enemies,
- as it is written in the Book of Jashar.
- The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. ¹⁴ There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!
- ¹⁵ Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal.

(Joshua 10:7-15 Cont.)

TIME \neq MONEY

- Time does not equal money.
- We give away our time for much less than its actual value.
- Paul tell us:

- ¹⁴ For this reason He says,
- “Awake, sleeper,
And arise from the dead,
And Christ will shine [as dawn] upon you and give you light.”
- ¹⁵ Therefore see that you walk carefully [living life with honor, purpose, and courage; shunning those who tolerate and enable evil], not as the unwise, but as wise [sensible, intelligent, discerning people], ¹⁶ [a]making the very most of your time [on earth, recognizing and taking advantage of each opportunity and using it with wisdom and diligence], because the days are [filled with] evil.
- *Footnote: a.* The Greek word in this verse means “buy up at the market place.” Opportunity is regarded as a commodity to be used by believers.

WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

- ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life[e]?”

- ²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

- ¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

- Matthew 10:16-20

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

- Leave the world behind (at least nine distinct times)
- Pray and meditate (upto 35 times specifically mentioned)
- Rest!
 - 27 Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.” – Mark 2:27

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

- Rebuked the disciples for lack of faith (Mark 16:14)
- Reassured the hurting and the lost (John 20:11-17)
- Demonstrated that all these things had been done to fulfil the scriptures (Luke 24:13-32)
- Forgave and and reconciled those who had separated themselves from Him (John 21:15-19)
- Prepares us for what is to come next (Matthew 28:16-20)

