

Eph 5:15-16

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

16 **redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.

title

REDEEMING 1805 eksagorázō

take full advantage of, seizing a buying-opportunity, i.e. making the most of the present opportunity (recognizing its future gain).

TIME 2540 kairós

time as opportunity. "opportune time," to take full-advantage of, "the suitable time, the right moment.

(NLT) Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

(GNB) Make good use of every opportunity you have, because these are evil days.

Let this be a reminder of how quickly things can change.

From our vantage, our knowledge is limited.

1Co 13:12-13

12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Pro 3:5-8

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

Watch about saying, "God took him."

Job 1:21-22

21 And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I

return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."

22 In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Examples of God taking people

Gen 5:24 And Enoch walked with God; and he *was* not, for **God took him**.

Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "AND WAS NOT FOUND, BECAUSE GOD HAD TAKEN HIM"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

2 Kings 2: 1-14 Elijah

Act 7:55-59

55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,

56 and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

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59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

**God doesn't take people,
He receives them.**

Php 1:21-24

21 For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

22 But if *I* live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell.

23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better.

24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

Many times, people choose to go.

Closing

John 10:10-11

10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.