



Psalms 90

11/22/20 AM

AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

Introduction:

Superscription: "A Prayer of Moses, the man of God."

I. THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE (vs. 1-6)

A. The Grandeur of God (vs. 1-2)

¹Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations."

²Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."

B. The Frailty of Man (vs. 3-6)

³You turn man back into dust and say, 'Return, O children of men.' "

⁴For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it passes by, or as a watch in the night."

⁵You have swept them away like a flood, they fall asleep;"

"In the morning they are like grass which sprouts anew. ⁶In the morning it flourishes and sprouts anew; toward evening it fades and withers away."

II. THE REAL PROBLEM (vs. 7-11)

A. The Wrath of God (vs. 7-8)

⁷For we have been consumed by Your anger and by Your wrath we have been dismayed.

⁸You have placed our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence."

B. The Need of Man for the Grace of God (vs. 9-11)

⁹For all our days have declined in Your fury; we have finished our years like a sigh.

¹⁰As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, or if due to strength, eighty years, yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; for soon it is gone and we fly away.

¹¹Who understands the power of Your anger and Your fury, according to the fear that is due You?

III. THE PROPER RESPONSE (vs. 12-17)

A. Educate Us (vs. 12-13)

¹²So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

¹³Do return, O LORD; how long will it be?

And be sorry for Your servants.

B. Encourage Us (vs. 14-15)

¹⁴O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness, That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad according to the days You have afflicted us, and the years we have seen evil.

C. Enlighten Us (vs. 16)

¹⁶Let Your work appear to Your servants and Your majesty to their children.

D. Establish Us (vs. 17)

¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;

“And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

Conclusion:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Food for Thought:

- 1) In what sense is the Lord to be our dwelling place? What does that mean?
- 2) What is the significance of a long life?
- 3) How might “teach us to number our days” be best applied?
- 4) What should you do when you seem to have lost your eternal perspective?