



SERMON NOTES

January 31, 2016

Scripture: Psalm 90:1-17 (NAS)

Topic: "How Can This Brief Life Have Value?"

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- 1 Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.
- 3 You turn man back into dust And say, "Return, O children of men."
- 4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it passes by, Or as a watch in the night.
- 5 You have swept them away like a flood, they fall asleep; In the morning they are like grass which sprouts anew.
- 6 In the morning it flourishes and sprouts anew; Toward evening it fades and withers away.
- 7 For we have been consumed by Your anger And by Your wrath we have been dismayed.
- 8 You have placed our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your presence.
- 9 For all our days have declined in Your fury; We have finished our years like a sigh.
- 10 As 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.
- 11 Who understands the power of Your anger And Your fury, according to the fear that is due You?
- 12 So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.
- 13 Do return, O LORD; how long will it be? And be sorry for Your servants.
- 14 O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness, That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
- 15 Make us glad according to the days You have afflicted us, And the years we have seen evil.
- 16 Let Your work appear to Your servants And Your majesty to their children.
- 17 Let 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.

I. ABOUT THE AUTHOR

- A. Moses
- B. Only Psalm He Wrote
- C. It Is The Oldest Psalm Written
- D. He Had Much Opportunity To Observe Death In The Wilderness

II. FOUR STANZAS OF THE PSALM

- A. 1st - Focuses On The Eternality Of God vs. 1-2
- B. 2nd - The Brevity Of Human Life

- C. 3rd - God's Wrath Toward Man's Sin Resulting in Man's Death
- D. 4th - Prayer For God's Mercy And Grace

III. GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

- A. It Is Eternal
- B. It Makes The Longest Human Life Seen Brief
- C. God's Wrath Toward Sin Is Evident In Physical Death

IV. MEANING IN THIS BRIEF LIFE I Thessalonians 1:10b

- A. Found In Knowing The Living God – "Our God"
- B. God Blesses The Labors Of Our Hands
- C. Type Of Work We Do Ought Always Be For The Lord *Colossians 3:24-25*