

Evening Sermon Outline – January 31, 2021

“Moses’ Prayer” Psalm 90

I. The eternity of God vs. the shortness of man’s life on earth –

A Prayer Of Moses the Man of God. ¹ LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Psalm 90:1 (NKJV)

1. God is a dwelling place –

A. For Moses, the wilderness was a place of wandering, not home, and he was denied entrance to the promised land and yet God was his true dwelling –

Verse 1.—“Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place.” Many seem to beg God’s help in prayer, but are not protected by Him: they seek it only in a storm, and when all other means and refuges fail them. But a Christian must maintain constant communication with God; must dwell in God, not run to Him now and then.—*Thomas Manton.*

B. In this he was like Abraham, he did not dwell in a promised land here on earth, his citizenship is in Heaven –

²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Philippians 3:20 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Hebrews 13:14 (NKJV)

2. God is eternal –

² Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. Psalm 90:2 (NKJV)

3. This means God has an eternal perspective –

⁴ For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night. Psalm 90:4 (NKJV)

4. Our human life (on earth) is SO SHORT in comparison –

A. Due to God’s righteous wrath –

³ You turn man to destruction, and say, “Return, O children of men.” Psalm 90:3 (NKJV)

B. We are carried away like a flood -

⁵ You carry them away like a flood; ... Psalm 90:5 A (NKJV)

People too often speak of “free will” but they do not speak of what the will is free from? If a literal, powerful, flood of water came, carrying away your car, carrying away your house, carrying away rocks and trees, would you be able to plant your feet firmly and say, “I will not move!” You might say it, but you would not be able to do it! We have a will, but it is not free from God’s power. Nor can we resist the flood waters of time. Some try, like Cher, plastic surgery may seem to slow time down, but it is a flood we cannot stop!

C. Like a sleep or dream –

⁵ They are like a sleep. ... Psalm 90:5 B

D. Like grass, mid-east dessert grass-

In the morning they are like grass which grows up: ⁶ In the morning it flourishes and grows up; in the evening it is cut down and withers. Psalm 90:5C – 6 (NKJV)

*Stout and strong today, tomorrow washed away!
One day in brightest bloom, the next day in the tomb!*

II. Why are our lives so short? Sin and God’s righteous judgment of it –

1. God’s anger consumes us, His wrath makes our lives short –

⁷ For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. Psalm 90:7

2. Our iniquities are set before God, He knows the judgment they deserve –

⁸ You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. Psalm 90:8 (NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, ... Romans 6:23 (NKJV)
Death is a moral judgment, not the natural end of life –

3. We live a short time, and a shortened time –

⁹ For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. ¹⁰ The days of our lives *are* seventy years; And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath.

Psalm 90:7-11

A. *Men used to live much longer, even after Adam's sin, see Genesis 5 -*

²⁷ So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died. **Genesis 5:27 (NKJV)** *Look at Genesis 5, others also lived past 800 or 900 years!*

B. *Yet, after the flood God limited man's max lifespan to 120 Years -*

³ And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." **Genesis 6:3 (NKJV)**

This was to allow less time for corruption to grow, or sins to multiply, in His wisdom God saw increased time meant increased wasted time, increased rebellion, increased sin! He is merciful to shorten evil days -

²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. **Matthew 24:22 (NKJV)**

III. *We need to learn to number our days -*

¹² So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. **Psalm 90:12**

1. *Numbering our days rightly, means redeeming the time -*

¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. **Ephesians 5:15-17 (NKJV)**

We need to redeem time because it is limited, we do not know when we will die, the days are evil, meaning people are not guaranteed a minute ... or a minute more!

2. *Numbering our days will allow us to rejoice at Christ's coming -*

¹³ Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. ¹⁴ Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! ¹⁵ Make us glad according to the days *in which* You have afflicted us, The years *in which* we have seen evil. **Psalm 90:13-15**

A. *Christ's return will terrorize those who are not ready -*

⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. **Revelation 1:7 (NKJV)**

¹⁴ Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" **Revelation 6:14-17 (NKJV)**

B. *Yet, we are Christ's bride, waiting for our Husband -*

¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. **Revelation 22:17 (NKJV)**

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! **Revelation 22:20 (NKJV)**

3. *We who number our days, pray we recognize His work and that He blesses our work till He comes -*

¹⁶ Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. ¹⁷ And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands. **Psalm 90:16-17 (NKJV)**

A. *We should be about doing God's will, His work -*

B. *If we do His beauty will be upon us -*

¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. **Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NKJV)**

C. *Pray He establishes our work, yes double that prayer!*

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