

Our State Before the Face of God
Psalm 90
September 4, 2022

A prayer of Moses the man of God.

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

4 A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— they are like the new grass of the morning:

6 In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

7 We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

9 All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.

10 Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

11 If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

12 Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

13 Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

16 May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

17 May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.

I. The Brevity of Life

- **2 Peter 3:8** But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.
- **Ephesians 1:4** For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.
- **2 Timothy 1:9** He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,
- **Revelation 13:8** All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

- **Hebrews 9:27** Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,
- **Job 14:5** A person's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed.
- **Psalm 139:16** Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
- **Leviticus 17:11** For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

II. The Bitterness of Sin's Consequences

- **Psalm 90:7** We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.
- **John 5:24** "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.
- **Psalm 90:8** You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

- **Hebrews 4:13** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

III. The Blessings of God

- **Psalm 90:17** May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.
- **Romans 15:19b-21** So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation. Rather, as it is written: “Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.”