

PSALM 90 - The Eternity of God and Man's Frailty!

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME – Cheri Keaggy (3:53)

This is My body given for you, This is the cup that holds the blood Of a new covenant. This is forgiveness simple and true This is the way that I have made for you. Before you eat before you drink Take a long look inside, And tell Me what you see. He said do this in remembrance of Me, Do this in remembrance of Me

This is the bread of life broken for you, This is the cup that holds the wine Of a new covenant. This is the love of Christ poured out anew. This is the Son of God who died for you. Before you eat before you drink. Take a long look inside. And tell Me what you see. Then do this in remembrance of Me. Do this in remembrance of Me

I will remember the cross That You bore for me; I will remember the crown That You wore for me; I will remember the reason You suffered and died. This is My body given for you, This is the cup that holds the blood Of a new covenant. This is forgiveness simple and true. This is the way that I have made for you. I am the way. This is the way that I have made for you.

Psalm 90 This psalm is entitled a prayer of Moses, the man of God. We do know that Moses was a composer. He wrote songs for the children of Israel. We have one recorded for us in Deuteronomy thirty-two and then in heaven we read concerning the hundred and forty-four thousand that they sing the song of Moses and of the lamb. Here is another of the songs of Moses. In it we have, more or less, a classic example of Hebrew poetry. In the Hebrew poetry it is the thought that creates to them the beauty of poetry. The thoughts can be parallel thoughts. The same thing expressed in a different way, or the same thing expressed with increased amplification or there can be contrasting thoughts. So, they find beauty in the contrasting of thoughts. In psalm ninety, there is a vivid contrast, because the contrast is between God and between man; the eternal, infinite man and the temporal, finite man. It makes quite a contrast. He begins with declaring the eternal nature of God. We see the condition of Israel in the wilderness pre-eminently illustrated throughout.

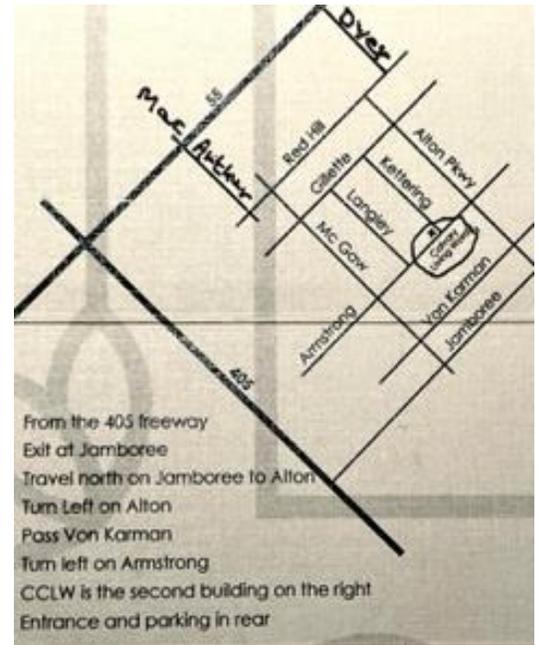
PSALM 90 – From Everlasting to Everlasting - A Prayer Of Moses the Man of God.

Vs. 1-11 -The Contemplation – Contrast the eternity of God with the frailty/shortness of man's life.

Psa 90:1 LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

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

- God has always existed. There was never a time when God did not exist. He is the eternal God who dwells outside of time continuum in that eternal realm. It is something that our minds cannot fathom. The word everlasting, we have mentioned in the Hebrew literally is the vanishing point. For this particular word it goes a step further, beyond the vanishing point.
- In other words, if you allow your mind to go back as far as you possibly can see, let your mind drift back billions and trillions of years until it just sort of fades out and you can't think of anything, there's the vanishing point. It is beyond that vanishing point, everlasting. "From beyond the vanishing point, to beyond the vanishing point." Let your mind go out into the future as far as your mind can stretch until your mind just sort of hits that vanishing point and then beyond that. before there was a



universe, before the worlds were ever created, God existed. On the other side of coin, in contrast with that, man being so fragile, frail and temporal.

Psa 90:3 You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men."

- The word destruction is to grind to the finest particles or dust. In the book of Genesis God declared to Adam after his sin that “*Dust you are and to dust you shall return.*” We are told that God took and formed man out of the dust of the earth. It is interesting that the same seventeen elements that make up the dust or the dirt are the same seventeen elements found in man’s body.
- *And say, Return, O children of men.* That is return back to the dust. We have just a limited time here upon the earth. But with God dwelling in the eternal, time is relative.

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

- Peter in talking to us about the coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ encourages us actually to patience in a way because he said, (2Pe 3:8-9) *But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. [9] The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.* Time is relative to where you are, here on the planet earth we measure time in days and years. Our days are twenty-four hours because that is how long it takes the earth to rotate on its axis. Our years are three hundred and sixty-five and a quarter days because that is how long it takes the earth to make its revolution around the sun.

Psa 90:5 You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up:

Psa 90:6 In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers.

- Man’s time upon earth is just so short, it is like going to sleep in the morning and it is over. When you wake up in the morning from sleeping, if you have had a good sleep it seems like you just went to bed, and you cannot believe it is already light outside. Time seems to stand still while you are sleeping. When we were kids, when we would be traveling in the car and we would be asleep in the car they would say, “Wake up we are home.” We would say, “We can’t be home we just got in the car.” Yet how time seems to pass so quickly when asleep. Life passes by so quickly. The cycle of life, so quickly over.

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

- Sin has provoked the LORD to anger and thus, we die.

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

- Again, the frailty and the quickness of life. Death comes so surely and the result of sin, the wages of sin, we are reaping them in the brevity of time that we have to live. When God first placed man upon the earth the body that he gave him was in much better shape than our bodies today. A good average lifetime then was nine hundred years. Imagine Adam lived almost one sixth of human history. That is one-sixth the time of human history. He lived to be over nine hundred years old and of course we only have about six thousand years of recorded history. Now seventy years, as will get to in a moment, is the average that we have here.
- In the beginning, probably a lot less radiation and better protection with the water canopy which was around the earth before the flood shielding out more of the cosmic radiation which bombards our earth. This causes the mutation of the cell, the ultimate breakdown of the cells and the aging processes. God cut down the average age of man after the flood and it corresponds with the flood.

Psa 90:9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh.

- I like that. I think I would translate that as “We spend our life like a rerun” a tale that has been told. God knows the end from the beginning. God knows all about us. There is not a thought that you have ever had that God does not know and has always known. God is never disappointed in you. He knew how rotten you were to begin with. It is only you that are disappointed in yourself because you did not realize that you were that rotten. You did not realize that you were capable of doing those things. Thus, you are very disappointed in yourself but not God; he knew it all the time. As far as God is concerned you spend your life like a re-run, like it has already happened, God knowing the end from the beginning.

Psa 90:10 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.

- *The days of our lives are seventy years!* Seventy years old. But, are our days worth mentioning?
- *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.* Teach me Lord to realize that I only have a certain amount of time. I only have an allotted time and my allotment has almost run out.

Psa 90:11 Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

- The afflictions of this life are not to be compared to the miseries which await them who live and die without being reconciled to God, and saved from their sins.

Vs. 12-17 -The Prayer

Psa 90:12 So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

- This is called a prayer of Moses and we finally get to his prayer. These are the petitions of the prayer. The whole thing, I guess is a prayer but in the prayer it follows a pattern of scriptural prayer. That is, in the scriptures in prayer they did not just rush right in with their petitions, but they entered into prayer first of all in the acknowledgement of the One to which they were praying.
- That I might use the time that I have wisely. The Bible speaks of redeeming the time. I think of all of the wasted time, as I look at my own life. I grieve over wasted time. We have only one life, it will soon be passed and only what we do for Christ is going to last! We should spend our time and invest our time in eternal things. Jesus said, "Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven." Invest in the eternal Kingdom of God our time and our energies.
- We are more anxious to count the number of stars than our days, but counting our days are much more important!

Psa 90:13 Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants.

- Send us tidings of peace to comfort us again after these heavy tidings. How long must we look upon ourselves as under Your wrath, and when shall we have some token given us of our restoration to Your favor?

Psa 90:14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

- In this case, the Lord who has been dwelling place who is existed forever, from everlasting to everlasting. So, I am praying to God the psalmist is saying, "O God, You are God, who has created the heavens and the earth." Jesus said, "When you pray say Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name." It is not just immediately presenting the petitions. So, the psalmist does not just immediately rush in and say Lord I need this and this and this and by Tuesday if you do not mind. It was spending time in acknowledging the greatness of God, the powers of God and our own weakness and frailties. That is one reason why we are praying because we are not capable. We do not have the capacity or the ability. So, we come to God for His help.

Psa 90:15 Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil.

- Let your people have as many years of prosperity as they have had of adversity. They had suffered seventy years of a most distressful captivity. They had been for forty years wandering there in the wilderness. They went through hard times in that wilderness wondering.

Psa 90:16 Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children.

- ***Let Your work appear to Your servants!*** Let us now see, in our deliverance, that Your thoughts towards us were mercy and love.
- ***And Your glory to their children.*** May Your pure worship be established among our children forever!

Psa 90:17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish (direct it) the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

- ***And let the beauty of the LORD.*** Then I love this seventeenth verse. The prayer of my heart. O that the beauty of the Lord might be upon our lives. God make it so!_Let us have Your presence, blessing, and approbation, as our fathers had.

ROCK OF AGES – Augustus Toplady (1740-1778), sung by Ernie Ford (2:39)

1. *Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure; Save from wrath and make me pure.*
2. *Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no languor know, These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. In my hand no price I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling*
3. *While I draw this fleeting breath When my eyelids close in death. When I rise to worlds unknown, and behold Thee on Thy Throne. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee. Let me hide myself in Thee.*

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NEW LOCATION OF 6:30am Sat Morning Prayer Mtg. Beginning Saturday, April 8, (between Good Friday & Resurrection Day!)

CC Living Word, 17101 Armstrong, Irvine, CA 92614, is several blocks east of John Wayne Airport, between Red Hill and Jamboree, one block west of Alton Pkwy (corner of Armstrong & Kettering, between Alton and Mc Gaw). Parking and **entrance in rear**. Enter by single door in the center of the rear of the building.

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