

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 90

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 90

Introduction

Psalm 90 is the oldest of all of the psalms included in the Book of Psalms. It was written by Moses. Notice that Moses is referred to as “the man of God”. (see also Deuteronomy 33:1; Joshua 14:6; Ezra 3:2)

It is very possible that this psalm was written after the tragic error of the people of God at Kadesh Barnea (Numbers 13 – 14) This psalm is referred to as a psalm of death because Moses saw a lot of death during his time of wandering the Wilderness.

Martin Luther said regarding this psalm:

“Just as Moses acts in teaching the law, so does he in this Psalm. For he preaches death, sin and condemnation, in order that he may alarm the proud who are secure in their sins, and that he may set before their eyes their sin and evil.”¹

I The Eternality of God (vs. 1 – 2)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” (John 1:1-2)

See Hebrews 1:1 - 12

Notice – “God is our dwelling place” – This is the Old Testament equivalent of John 15.

“Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;” (Psalm 91:9)

Moses lived in a lot of places – Egypt, Midian (with his father-in-law, Jethro), and at least 42 places in the wilderness mentioned in Numbers 33. He pitched his tent in a lot of geographical locations, but he dwelt with in God.

¹ McGee, J. V. (1997). *Thru the Bible commentary* (electronic ed., Vol. 2, p. 815). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

II The Ephemeral Existence of Man (vs. 3 – 17)

A Our Time On Earth is Passing Quickly

Note on verse 4 – “thousand years” – this is referred to in 2 Peter:

"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (2 Peter 3:8)

Note – “a watch in the night” is literally 4 hours.

Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. (James 4:13-14)

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah. (Psalm 39:4-5)

B Our Time On Earth Can Be Painful

We have been spoiled in modern times with much prosperity, comfort, and pleasure. But, life was very hard for the people in time past. This earth is under the curse of sin.

"And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage." (Genesis 47:9)

C Our Time On Earth Needs To Be Purposeful

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:15-16)