

What to do with the days we have left

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12] So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Psalm 90:12 KJV

Romans 13:11-14 KJV - *[11] And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12] The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13] Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14] But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

Mark 13:35-37 KJV - *[35] Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: [36] Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. 37] And what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH*

Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV- *[1] To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*

1 Samuel 2:6-7 KJV- *[6] The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. [7] The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.*

Numbers 14:22-23: -*[22] Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23] Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:*

Psalm 90:1 KJV- *[1] Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.*

Psalm 124:2-3,8 KJV- *[2] If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us: 3] Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us: 8] Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR HELP COMES FROM?

DO YOUR CHILDREN AND GRAND CHILDREN KNOW WHERE THEIR HELP COMES FROM?

Isaiah 43:2 KJV- *[2] When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*

Psalm 90: 1. Lord (YOU) have been our dwelling place in every generation.

1. Your soul will find its home in God.

a) God is the originator of your soul.

➤ **PowerPoint:** Gods presence is the natural atmosphere of your soul.

b) When your soul returns to God, it feels at peace.

Song of Songs 3:4 KJV- *It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth.*

2. Your soul can never feel at home separated from God.

Psalm 90:2 KJV - [2] *Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.*

1. For the support of our faith; it is important to remember that God was BEFORE ANYTHING AND ALL THINGS we consider permanent and immovable.

➤ **PowerPoint:** Do not allow that which is temporary to cause you to forfeit that which is eternal.

Romans 8:18 KJV - *[18] For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

3. From everlasting to everlasting, THOU ART GOD!!

Psalm 90:3 KJV - *[3] Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.*

1. The cause of death--"thou turnest man to destruction".

Nearing 150 thousand lives lost in America to COVID-19 that President Trump said would magically disappear: as the old saints used to sing; Maybe God is trying to HIM and tell us something!

2. The nature of death--"return."

Genesis 3:19 KJV - *[19] In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

➤ **PowerPoint:** Preparation for death requires reconciliation with God, and with man.

Amos 4:11-12 KJV -*[11] I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. 12] Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.*

Psalm 90:4 KJV-*[4] For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.*

1. Contemplate a thousand years with all its significant people and significant events.

2. Consider God above, outside of and over time

3. Consider where we stand in relation to where God stands

Psalm 90:5 KJV - [5] *Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.*

“The lesson of the Meadows”

1. All of the great names of antiquity and history come and go swiftly
2. Grass flowering= man in his youth
3. Grass growing = man in his prime and most productive years
4. Grass mown and blown = the wind of death escorts us off the main stage of time and into the archives of history

Psalm 90:7 KJV - [7] *For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.*

1. Man's chief troubles are the effects of sin:
2. Some deaths are the effect of Divine anger: "We are consumed by thine anger"
3. Divine anger is the consequence of deliberate sin. Sin is a killer!

Ezekiel 3:18-19 KJV -[18] *When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 19] Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.*

Psalm 90:8 KJV - [8] *Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.*

- **PowerPoint:** WE NEED TO BE LESS CONCERNED WITH WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT US, AND URGENTLY CONCERNED WITH WHAT GOD KNOWS ABOUT US.

1. God takes notice of sin. He sees, even when he doesn't SAY.

a) Individual Notice: All we like sheep have gone astray.

b) Universal notice: Righteousness exalts a nation, but SIN is a reproach to any "people".

2. The notice which we should take of our sins.

a) In our thoughts. Set them before us.

b) In our consciences. Self-examination.

c) In our wills. Turn from sin by repentance; turn to a pardoning God by faith.

Psalm 90:9 KJV - [9] *For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.*

1. Every man has a history. His life is as a story--a story to be told & learned from.

2. Every man's history has some display of God in it.

3. Every man's history will be laid bare before God at the judgment seat of Christ:

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 KJV -[10] *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11] Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*

Psalm 90:10 KJV - [10] *The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*

Psalm 90:11 KJV - [11] *Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.*

1. The anger of God against sin is not fully known.

Hebrews 10:30-31 KJV - [30] *For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31] It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Psalms 90:12 KJV - [12] *So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

1. The Reckoning.

- a) How many of our days are already spent.
- b) How uncertain the number that remains.
- c) How much of our days remaining must be occupied with the necessary duties of this life.

2. The best use of our remaining days:

- a) Seek wisdom, not riches, worldly honours, or pleasures. Not the wisdom of the world,
but of God.

Ephesians 1:17 KJV - [17] *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

- b) To "apply our heart" to wisdom.
 - 1: Not mental merely, but moral wisdom.
 - 2: Not speculative merely, but experimental
 - 3: Not theoretical merely, but practical.

- c) To seek GOD urgently

Isaiah 55:6 KJV - [6] *Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:*

- d) To seek Him constantly

1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV - [17] Pray without ceasing.

3. So teach us:

a) Our own ability is insufficient through the perversion both of the mind and heart by sin.

b) Divine wisdom is obtainable

James 1:5 KJV- [5] If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Psalms 90:13-14 KJV - [13] Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. 14] O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

1. The deepest yearning of man is for spiritual fulfillment

2. Satisfaction can only be found in the realization of Divine Mercy.

“O satisfy us early with thy mercy”.

1. Our souls can have no permanent satisfaction in earthly things.

2. The presence of God alone can satisfy our souls.

3. Only peace with God can fill our days with joy and gladness.

Psalms 90:15 KJV - [15] Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

1. Let the joy of our faith be in proportion to the sorrow of our repentance.

2. Let the joy of your consolation be in proportion to our suffering and our affliction.

3. Let the joy of the favor of God, be in proportion to the consequences of his frustration.

Psalm 90:16 KJV - [16] *Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.*

1. God who hast begun a good work in us, bring it now into full manifestation.

2. Let us leave a lasting legacy of faith, holiness and righteousness for our children, so they may see thy glory in their generation.

Psalm 90:17 KJV -[17] *And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.*

Remember only what you do for Christ will last