

Psalm 90

Psalms 90:1 [New King James] *“Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.”*

Since the days of Abraham the people of God had had **no** abiding place, but it could truly be said that the Creator God had always shown Himself to be a perpetual place of rest, [**Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalms 62:7-8**]. **Not that He dwells with us as much as we dwell with Him, the privilege of a reconciled people.**

John 17:3 [New King James] *“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”*

The Greek word used to translate the word “know” is “ginōskō” is also used in **Luke 1:34** referring to the intimate relationship between a married husband and wife.

This intimate relationship can be ours now through the indwelling of Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:11 [New King James] *“And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.”*

The “*Spirit of Christ*” that is the Holy Spirit [**Romans 8:9**] if we ask for Him, [**Luke 11:13**] and keep in step with Him [**Galatians 5:25**], allowing the very character of the Creator God becoming ours, [**Galatians 5:22-25**].

Psalms 90:2-6 [New King James] *“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. You turn man to destruction, and say, ‘Return, O children of men.’ For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night. You carry them away like a flood; they are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: In the morning it flourishes and grows up; in the evening it is cut down and withers.”*

The Eternal God is now contrasted with the transient world of humans.

God outlasts even the most enduring things that a human being can experience, the fabric of the earth.

A human, as a result of their sin, will return to the earth from which they were created, [**Genesis 3:17-19; Ecclesiastes 12:6-7**].

Humans can offer no resistance to the flood of death that sweeps them away, life is as insubstantial as a dream and for all their fine show perishes as quickly as grass.

Psalms 90:7-11 [New King James] *“For we have been consumed by Your anger, and by Your wrath we are terrified. You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.”*

It is this wrath which brings death. And that **not** just as a physical fact but as a judgement upon our spiritual state.

It is this wrath which mars life and makes even extension of days by no means an unmixed blessing, [**verses 9-10**].

Yet even so, humans neither appreciate nor realise to the full extent what the wrath of God means, and in regard to the fear due to Him.

The point is that, though the wrath of God is the leading factor to be considered in this sinful world, the vast majority of people neither take note of it nor regulate their lives in respect of it.

Psalms 90:12 [New King James] *“So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”*

The Psalmist now starts to ask us to change first our attitude towards life, then to seek wisdom from our Creator God, this is our part.

Psalms 90:13 [New King James] *“Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants.”*

Secondly, pray to the Creator God that He may turn from His just wrath to tender mercy, for salvation from eternal death always ultimately rests upon the Creator God’s desire to forgive confessing and repenting sinners.

Psalms 90:14-15 [New King James] *“Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days! Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, the years in which we have seen evil.”*

This Psalmist’s prayer next asks for a change in experience, permanent joy and the end of wrath.

Psalms 90:16 [New King James] *“Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children.”*

The Psalmists final request is for a change of prospects, that future generations may come under the favour of the Creator God, that is present security coupled with a conscience experience of divine benevolence.

This deliverance from wrath is only found through the sacrifice of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Eternal security can **only** be ours through the living Jesus Christ who is coming to this earth a second time to bring peace to all humans who will submit to His just and loving rule.

May that day soon dawn!