#### Psalm 90

## "A Plea for Eternal God's Blessing upon our Short Lives!"

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

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#### A1 GOD'S ETERNAL OMNIPOTENCE 90:1-2

- **B1** God's Timeless Trustworthiness: He is a Haven. {1} Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. 90:1
- B2 The Omnipotence of God 90:2a
  - C1 {2} Before the mountains were born
  - C2 Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,
- B3 The Eternity of God. Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. 90:2b

#### A2 MAN'S BRIEF MORTALITY 90:3-6

- B1 Man's Mortality: He Returns to Dust 90:3
  - C1 {3} You turn man back into dust
  - C2 And say, "Return, O children of men."
- B2 A Millennium is Short to God. How Much More Man's Brief 70 Years! 90:4
  - C1 {4} For a thousand years in Your sight
  - C2 Are like yesterday when it passes by,
  - C3 Or as a watch in the night.
- **Man's Life is Swept Away as if by a Flood.** {5} You have swept them away like a flood, they fall asleep; 90:5a
- B4 Man's Life is as Short as Grass 90:5b-6
  - C1 In the morning they are like grass which sprouts anew. 90:5b
  - C2 {6} In the morning it flourishes and sprouts anew; 90:6
  - C3 Toward evening it fades and withers away.

#### A3 MAN'S LIFE SHORT-LIVED BECAUSE OF GOD'S ANGER AT OUR SIN 90:7-12

#### B1 God's Consuming Anger. 90:7

- C1 {7} For we have been consumed by Your anger
- C2 And by Your wrath we have been dismayed.

#### B2 The Reason for God's Anger: Man's Sin 90:8

- C1 {8} You have placed our iniquities before You,
- C2 Our secret sins in the light of Your presence.

#### B3 The Connection between God's Anger and Man's Short Life 90:9-10

- C1 Man's Time Reduced by God's Fury: {9} For all our days have declined in Your fury; 90:9a
- C2 Man's Life Characterized by Declining Energy: We have finished our years like a sigh. 90:9b
- C3 The Brief Time Span of Man's Life 90:10a
  - D1 {10} As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years,
  - D2 Or if due to strength, eighty years,
- C4 The Lack of Quality of Man's Life 90:10b
  - D1 Labor and sorrow: Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow;
  - D2 Ending too soon: For soon it is gone and we fly away.

### B4 The Application 90:11-12

- C1 We Don't Really Comprehend God's Anger at Sin! 90:11
  - D1 {11} Who understands the power of Your anger
  - D2 And Your fury, according to the fear that is due You?
- C2 Conclusion: We Need God's Help to Make Our Short Lives Count in Obedience and Righteousness! 90:12
  - D1 {12} So teach us to number our days,
  - D2 That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

#### A4 A PLEA FOR GOD'S LOYAL LOVE AND BLESSING 90:13-17

# B1 A Plea for God to Replace Wrath with Lovingkindness, Making People Glad and Joyful 90:13-15

- C1 Restore our Fellowship with You! 90:13
  - D1 {13} Do return, O LORD; how long will it be?
  - D2 And be sorry for Your servants.
- C2 Satisfy us Early with Your Loyal Love! (This will bring back joy and a song!) 90:14
  - D1 {14} O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness,
  - D2 That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
- C3 Give us Equal Time of Gladness Compared to Your Afflictions! 90:15
  - D1 {15} Make us glad
  - D2 according to the days
    - El You have afflicted us,
    - E2 And the years we have seen evil.

#### B2 A Plea for God's Majestic Favor and Blessing 90:16-17

- C1 Let us See Your Work and Your Majesty! 90:16
  - D1 {16} Let Your work appear to Your servants
  - D2 And Your majesty to their children.
- C2 Show us Your Favor and Make our Work SIGNIFICANT! 90:17
  - D1 Show us Your favor: {17} Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;
  - D2 Make our work significant!
    - E1 And confirm for us the work of our hands;
    - E2 Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

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