

Teach Us - cont.

- What effect sin may have on them (Hebrews 12:17).
- How they appear in the light of eternity (Luke 16:19-26).
- How we might use them for the Lord (Luke 1:75).

That We May Get A Heart of Wisdom

Let us learn to be wise with ...

- Our work (Proverbs 6:6-11; 20:4).
- Our money (Proverbs 22:7).
- Our time (2 Corinthians 6:1; Ephesians 5:16-17).
- Our associations (1 Corinthians 15:33; Colossians 4:5).
- The church (1 Corinthians 11:22).
- Our marriage (Ecclesiastes 9:9; Proverbs 31:12).
- Our service to God (Psalm 23:6; 27:4).

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Today, we need to be open and willingly to learn, especially concerning the brevity of our life. We need to come to the Teacher (Jesus) now and learn from him before we die. We need to be teachable and we need to apply what he teaches us so that we can be forgiven of our sins.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Psalm 90: Background

Psalm 90 is attributed to Moses and the theme of the psalm is God's eternity versus man's brevity. God is everlasting, but man lives only a certain number of days and then dies.

As a result of this fact, the psalmist concludes that that since we are here on earth for a relatively short period of time and that God knows our sins, it would be wise for us to remember to live right in God's sight. The first twelve verses of this psalm could be outlined this way:

1. The eternity of God (vv. 1-2)

*Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place
In all generations. Before the mountains
were brought forth, Or ever thou hadst
formed the earth and the world, Even
from everlasting to everlasting, thou art
God.*

2. The brevity of man (vv. 3-11)

*Thou turnest man to destruction,
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.
For a thousand years in thy sight
Are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night. Thou carriest
them away as with a flood; they are as a*

*sleep: In the morning they are like grass which
groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and
groweth up; In the evening it is cut down, and
withereth. For we are consumed in thine anger,
And in thy wrath are we troubled. Thou
hast set our iniquities before thee, Our secret
sins in the light of thy countenance. For all our
days are passed away in thy wrath: We bring
our years to an end as a sigh. The days of our
years are threescore years and ten, Or even
by reason of strength fourscore years; Yet is
their pride but labor and sorrow; For it is soon
gone, and we fly away. Who knoweth the
power of thine anger, And thy wrath according
to the fear that is due unto thee?*

3. The conclusion (v. 12)

*So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us a heart of wisdom.*

So Teach Us

Let us consider now some lessons that can be learned from Psalm 90:12. The psalmist writes, "So teach us...". This is like a conclusion or an application to what has just been written. First, since God is eternal and man's life is brief, we need to be taught something. We are told in the Bible about our brevity here on this earth so that we can be wise and live right during those brief years.

Second, since God's wrath will be poured out upon the sins of man, we need to be taught something regarding our sins. We need to be forgiven of our sins during the brief time that we are here on this earth. We do not need to die in an unforgiven state. Moses certainly witnessed the wrath of God upon the sins of mankind firsthand during his life (Genesis 6-8).

To Number Our Days

What can we learn about the brevity of life? We can learn...

- The brief number of our days (v. 10; 1 Chronicles 29:15; Job 8:9; James 4:12-14).
- How many of them are already spent (Romans 13:11; 2 Peter 1:14).
- How uncertain the number remains.
- How many of them are occupied with the necessary duties of life.
- What afflictions may accompany them (Job 1-2).

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