

I. Moses addresses God (vs 1-2)

- A. Adonai
- B. Dwelling place
- C. Eternal

II. God's nature vs the Human condition (vs 3-10)

- A. Return to dust (Genesis 3:19)
- B. Similes to illustrate our human condition (vs 4-6)
 - 1. vs 4 God's eternity
 - 2. vs 5 Human nature
 - 3. vs 5 Easily destroyed
 - 4. vs 6 Like grass
- C. Sin brings death (vs 3; 7-10)
 - 1. Return to dust (vs 3)
 - 2. Destructiveness of God's displeasure (vs 7)
 - 3. God's all-knowing nature (vs 8)
 - 4. Days pass by (vs 9-10)
- D. Moses' rhetorical question (vs 11)

III. Moses turns despair to prayer (vs 12-17)

- A. The Climax - Teach us...to get wisdom (vs 12)
- B. Reversal
 - 1. Return plea for mercy (vs 13)
 - 2. God's steadfast love (Numbers 14:18-19)
 - 3. Satisfy us (vs 14)
 - 4. Make us glad (vs 15)
 - 5. Show your works, show your power (vs 16)
 - 6. Establish the work of our hands 2x (vs 17)

IV. Last week - Our promised High Priest and King (Psalm 110)

- A. He took on God's wrath for our sins
- B. Believers are in Christ and have the Holy Spirit

C. We can live our fleeting lives to please Him

D. We can ask for wisdom (James 1:5-7)

V. Six Questions Wisdom Asks

1. Is God your dwelling place? (vs 1)

Psalm 91:1-2

2. Do I view God and myself correctly? (vs 2-3)

Proverbs 2:3-5

3. How do I view sin? (vs 7-8)

Hebrews 12:1-2, 1 Peter 1:15-16; Romans 13:14; Colossians 3:10

4. Where is my satisfaction? (vs 14)

Matthew 6:33

5. Am I set about His work? (vs 16)

Matthew 5:16

6. Are you living this fleeting life to please Him and bring Him glory? (vs 17)

Ephesians 2:10

References to Time in Psalm 90

- Verse 1 — “in all generations”
- Verse 2 — “Before the mountains...”, “from everlasting to everlasting”
- Verse 3 — “Return...return” [This is a time reference because “return” means going back to a place one has been previously in time.]
- Verse 4 — “A thousand years,” “yesterday,” “past,” “a watch in the night”
- Verse 5 — “in the morning”
- Verse 6 — “in the morning,” “in the evening”
- Verse 9 — “all our days,” “we bring our years to an end”
- Verse 10 — the entire verse! “The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.”
- Verse 12 — “teach us to number our days”
- Verse 13 — “Return,” “How long?”
- Verse 14 — “in the morning,” “all our days”
- Verse 15 — “for as many days,” “for as many years”

