

Time and Eternity

Psalm 90

***A psalm to make us stop and think v12
what does our time on earth add up to?
how can we live truly wisely?
Prov 4.7-9; 9.10; Col 2.3***

1. Why does it matter? vs 1-11

- ***our lifespan is so short v10***
 - ***God is forever v2; Ps 102.25-27***
 - ***God is available to every generation as our true home v1***
Dt 33.27; Rev 21.3-5
 - ***human life is so fleeting from dust to dust v3***
no more than a moment v4
swept away by death v5
like short-lived plants v5-6

- **our whole life is scrutinised v7-11**
by an all-seeing God v8
no sin can be kept secret
God's wrath is inescapable v7,9
Eph 2.3 – and terrifying
God's wrath is justified v11
and proportionate
- **out with a bang or a whimper? v9f**
like Jacob Gen 47.9
or Paul Phil 1.21-23; 2 Tim 4.6-8
1 Cor 15.58; Mat 25.21

2. What does it mean in practise? v12

- **don't waste time on trivia**
invest for eternity Mat 6.19-20
- **don't let opportunities slip by**
seize every moment
Eph 5.15-16; Col 4.4; 1 Pet 3.15
- **don't procrastinate**
act when you should

- **work well while you can**
***our time is limited* John 9.4**
1 Cor 15.58; Gal 6.10

3. What outcome ? v13-17

- **a wise heart recognises the need**
for God's ongoing mercy v13; v3
1 John 1.8-9
- **a wise heart recognises that**
God alone can satisfy v14
his love never fails us
- **a wise heart experiences deep,**
lasting joy from God vs14-15
2 Cor 4.17-18
- **a wise heart longs to see God at**
work now and in the future v16
- **a wise heart asks God to make our**
service of lasting value to him v17