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.

B3 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
      E1 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.