

## A Private Moment With Moses

Intro: Next to Psalm 23, words from Psalm 90 are the some of the most quoted during a funeral or memorial service: “Teach us to number our days” we are told. Help us to realize the shortness of life. Of course, there is much more to Moses’ words from this very personal Psalm. Today, we give it some consideration. As part of our introduction, let us begin by considering the state of Moses’ life when he wrote the Psalm.

1. Who is God and Who Are We? (Psalm 90:1-4)
  - A. God has always been.
  - B. Some have made God their “place of living”.
  - C. Man comes and goes but, again, God has always been and will always be.
  - D. Death (returning to the dust) was created a reality by an always living God.
  
2. God, help me to understand your wrath. (90:5-11)
  - A. Too often, Christians want to avoid this topic.  
Maybe, why it is said, “By your wrath we are dismayed”.
  - B. Why does man die? (90:7) Remember the Garden of Eden.
  - C. Is it possible to comprehend why understanding God’s wrath can be a great source of hope to a believer? It does say we “live under wrath”.
  - D. The 70-80 years we get are full of “toil and trouble”.
  - E. The writer tells us that it is just not typical for man to want to grasp the anger, wrath and fear of God. (It is key to understanding the Gospel of Christ.)
  
3. A Closing Prayer To God To Keep Centered On Him. (90:12-17)
  - A. Help us know that I get wisdom when I know I have an allotted time to live.
  - B. I pray for mercy to those you would call your servants.
  - C. Help us to know your love early in life in order to enjoy it for all of our years.
  - D. Along with the hardship, give us some gladness in this life.
  - E. Help us to see what you are doing in this world.
  - F. Help us to make our brief time in this life something meaningful.

Conclusion: “Teach us to number our days”. It’s not just about realizing the brevity of life. It’s about understanding why life is brief in the first place. It’s about the realizing the hope that makes the wrath of God have meaning. It’s about pleading with God to help us to not give up on pursuing what we can understand about Him. Great meaning in life is found by one’s understanding of who God is and who we are. To say the least, it’s what sustained Moses through a tumultuous life.