

## TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS

(Psalm 90: 9-17; John 14: 1-2)

Psalm 90 is a Psalm written by Moses during the beginning of the 40 year period in the wilderness. This is the oldest Psalm written of the 150 Psalms because it was penned by Moses.

This Psalm gives a contrast between God and man. The life span of man's life is compared to the everlasting God who is forever.

God is the saints' dwelling place. He is a protecting shelter because he is from everlasting to everlasting. In all generations, people have taken refuge in him.

Because God is eternal, and he is an everlasting God, man cannot outlive him because we are in a mortal state of being. Man is weak and frail, so after awhile he goes back to the dust, or destruction.

Man has been given or allotted three score and ten years which is 70 years. If by reason of strength four score years, which is 80 years. But even at 80 years or less, sometimes we are still cut off from life. The Psalmist said "*man's life is like a sleep in the night which is only for a little while.*"

It is also like grass which growth up in the morning and dies in the evening. It is like a vapor that appears for a moment and soon dries up and disappears.

Job said in the book of Job chapter 14:1, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full *of trouble.*" So, with that in mind, the Psalmist in Psalm 90 made a request in verse 12. He said, "*Lord teach us how to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*"

Wisdom: The ability to judge correctly and follow the best course of action, based on knowledge and understanding.

Wisdom comes from God. That is why the bible stated, "*If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*" (God's wisdom is what our hearts need).

When the wisdom of God is applied to our hearts, we follow God's directions.

Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw night, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

St. Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

No matter how long we live, life at best is still short compared to eternity. It is God's will that we enjoy our lives to the fullest. He declared in St. John 10:10, "***The thief cometh not but for to steal, kill and destroy. I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly.***"

Our life is God's gift to us. What we make of our lives is our gift to God. So put God first, seek his wisdom, and walk in total victory!!!