

Live Long, Live Well, Live Wise
Psalm 90

Luther Rice, pioneer missionary to India, wrote in his personal journal of 1836:

“The Lord in His mercy has brought me to the beginning of another year. I think I have made some progress in religion the past year, but far less than I ought. God grant I may do better, should life be preserved through this year also. I think it right to plan, act, and labor, as if I might have thirty years of service yet before me; for even in that period, I should not have reached the age of my ancestors; but also to live, plan, act, and labor, as though I might die soon, any day, or hour.”

He died on September 25, 1836. Nine months after this journal entry.

Psalm 90 begins Book 4 in the Psalms.

The focus of Book 4 is a collection of psalms that present the God of Israel, the God of the Bible, as the true King of the world. The collection of psalms in book 4 can be reduced down to three words: Faith, trust and hope. This is an answer to the question, ***How do we live when God’s kingdom is not evident?***

Recognize the eternity of God.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Psalm 90:2

The eternity of God also means that all of God’s attributes are eternal because God is eternal.
God’s love for you is an eternal love. He will never stop loving you.
God’s grace is an eternal grace. He will always have grace for you.
God’s power is an eternal power. He will always be able to see you through anything.
God’s faithfulness is an eternal faithfulness. He will always be faithful to you.

The phrase “from everlasting to everlasting” tells us that God fills all time and all space. Since God fills all time and all space, there is no place or time when our lives are not known to God. Rather than this being something to dread, this is something of great comfort. Since God sees all and knows all, He can help us in all things.

Realize the mortality of people.

You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men." Psalm 90:3

The length of our days is seventy years-- or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:10-12

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:16

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15