

*“Frailty meets Eternity!”***1. Intro:**

- 1.1. **Prayer:** Lord, teach us to **live by the wells that never dry up.**
- 1.2. **Psalm 90:** Moses is our writer, making it the oldest of the Psalms.
- 1.3. **Background:** Explain Num13,14. Children of Israel in the wilderness at Kadesh-Barnea.
  - 1.3.1. God said, “go in now & possess the land”. And they wouldn’t. They were afraid. Consequence, everybody 20 & up didn’t get to go in. Next 40 years, longest death-march world has seen. Then 40 years later God took the younger generation in on a whole new crusade!
- 1.4. This Psalm has the style of a **lament**, but the spirit of **faith & praise.**
- 1.5. **Intro:** 1<sup>st</sup> there were the **sundials**. Then came the **water clocks, hourglasses, & mechanical** clocks. Now we have **digital** clocks & watches that can split time into the hundredths of a second.<sup>1</sup> (Which, this week, is the difference between Gold & Silver medals!)
  - 1.5.1. Our culture is certainly concerned with time.
  - 1.5.2. Now look at the contrast with God’s “**time**”! (read vs.1-6)

**2. FRAILTY MEETS ETERNITY! (1-17)**

- 2.1. **ETERNITY!** (1-6)
- 2.2. It’s good to contemplate **God’s eternity** in the light of **man’s frailty.**
  - 2.2.1. **Title:** *Frailty meets Eternity!*
  - 2.2.2. We are creatures of **time**, but God is **eternal.**
  - 2.2.3. When you compare **time** with **eternity**, you gain a bit of God’s perspective!
- 2.3. (1) **Dwelling place** (Ma’own) – also “refuge” or “den”.
  - 2.3.1. A place one **abides** w/a focus on it being a **safe place** from danger. An animals den, lair.
  - 2.3.2. **See Deut. 33:27.**
- 2.4. (3-6) **Life is brief:** **like** the **changing of the guard** (4, 3 hour watches in a night); **like** a quick sweeping **flood**; or as quick as when **death** comes; **Or like** the mowing the **lawn** (grows quick, have to cut it again next week).
- 2.5. **FRAILTY!** (7-12)
- 2.6. Life expectancy ranges from 83 years in **Andorra** to 32 years in **Swaziland.**
  - 2.6.1. **U.S.A.** comes in at **#45** with our life expectancy up to **78.06 years.** [75.15 men; 80.97women]
  - 2.6.2. That’s good, it’s up 5 years from 25 years ago. But still the human life span is short.

<sup>1</sup> Warren Wiersbe Psalms; Day 224.

- 2.7. (12) So teach us to number our **days** that we may gain a **heart of wisdom**.
- 2.7.1. Moses' words surmise what we need to know if we want to **make our lives count**.
- 2.8. **Days** - Normally we don't number our **days**, but our **years**(B-days)
- 2.8.1. We need to learn how to live a day at a time.
- 2.8.2. **Give us this day our daily bread**.
- 2.9. **Heart** – Prov.4:23 **Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it spring the issues of life.** {What's in your **heart** will direct your **life!**}
- 2.10. **Wisdom** – Wisdom is **knowing & having discernment** so that we can apply the truth of the Word of God at the **right time**, in the **right way**, with the **right motive**
- 2.11. **What's Moses' secret for making life count?** – Live it a day at a time!
- 2.11.1. **What will I do with today?**
- 2.12. **Time** is broken up into millenniums, centuries, decades, years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, and seconds *for the benefit of man*.
- 2.12.1. **If** time was **one long, endless day**, **if** we made a mistake, **if** we sinned, **the whole** would be messed up!
- 2.12.2. **God's great mercy** broke time into **small increments** **if** we mess up today, tomorrow we will have a brand new, fresh day to start over again. (His mercy is new...how often?)
- 2.12.3. This day has a purpose! - The gift of this 24 hours has a design.  
**Will we heed the design?**
- 2.12.4. **What will I do with today?**
- 2.13. **The little boy came to his Grandfather and said:**  
Paw can I live right for **all my life**? Paw thought and said, No, Grandson it is absolutely impossible to live a perfect life for **a life time**.  
The Grandson returned and said, Paw, How about for **a year**, could I live right for a year? The Grandfather thought and answered, NO, You can not live a good life for **a year**.  
The Grandson asked his Grandfather, How about **a month**? NO! How about a week? **NO!**  
How about for **a day**? The Grandfather thought much and said NO! You can't!  
The Grandson said Paw, How about **an hour**? NO!  
Then the Grandson asked the Grandfather, Paw, How about for **a MOMENT**?  
Could I live right for a moment? After much thought the Grandfather replied, **Yes, maybe** you could live right for **a moment!** - The grandson returned later and said, Paw, then I want to live my life **moment by moment!!!**

- 2.14. Most of us realize that **this life** is not all there is.
- 2.14.1. In fact, this life is said to be the “**dress rehearsal**” before the **real performance!**
- 2.14.1.1. The truth of the matter is that we will spend far more time on the other side of death, than we will here.
- 2.14.1.2. This life is preparation for the next.
- 2.14.2. When you were in your **mother’s womb**, those 9 months were not an end in themselves. You couldn’t stay there. That time in your mother’s womb was a **preparation** for the **next step in your life!**
- 2.14.3. **Death** is the **doorway** to the next life. This life is just a preparation.
- 2.14.3.1. Sir Thomas Browne said, “Your time on earth is but a **small parenthesis** in eternity.”
- 2.15. As we have **Green Cards** for visitors to our country, so that they can work “temporarily”. So should we receive a **Green Card** when we are Born Again, to remind us that we are only working here “temporarily”!
- 2.16. **PRAYER REQUEST!** (13-17)
- 2.17. (14) Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love (NIV)
- 2.18. In the light of eternity, *life is brief*, no matter **how long** you live.
- 2.18.1. You need God’s help to use your days **wisely**(12); & **joyfully**(14,15).
- 2.19. **Real satisfaction comes when:** you meet God & His **unfailing love** early in the morning(14); when you **see God working**(16a); & when your children see **His glory**(16b); & when you’re soaked with **God’s beauty!**
- 2.20. There are **three huge gates** that lead into the **Cathedral of Milan**.
- 2.20.1. Over 1 gate there is an inscription in marble under a **beautiful flower bouquet** that says, “The things that **please** are temporary.”
- 2.20.2. Over the 2<sup>nd</sup> gate, there is a **cross** with this inscription: “The things that **disturb** us are temporary.”
- 2.20.3. **However**, over the central gate, there is a big inscription saying, “Eternal are the important ones.”

Eccl 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also **He has put eternity in their hearts**, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.