

# Treasures

Text: Psalm 90

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**Truth:** Elderly believers are treasures in every church. Their demonstrations of walking by faith bolster the confidence of the succeeding generations. The elderly impart wisdom, live with respect and honor, display lives of trust, and live out graceful actions. I believe God intends for us to learn from our senior saints. Deut. 32:7; Job 12:12; 32:7; Prov. 16:31; 20:29. Learning from our senior saints is one thing but learning what God has done for our senior saints is something very valuable.

## I. Where would we be without the stability of the Lord (Psalm 90:1)?

The very Hebrew word *ma'on*, which means habitation, suggests a continual dependence on God. The Lord is pictured here as a refuge for his people (Psalm 71:3 – habitation). This is a shelter from danger or hardship. The nation of Israel had been in many dangers and hardships, but Moses believed that, in the midst of the desert of enemies, obstacles, and overwhelming needs, God would provide rest, security, stability, and provision.

**Truth:** In this world of uncertainty and evil, the only sure peace and rest that we can truly find is in the comfort, protection, and sustaining power of God.

## II. Where would we be without the eternal Creator (Psalm 90:2)?

God has no beginning or end. There is no measuring God. God is infinite in all His being, and His knowledge is too wonderful (Psalm 139:6). His ways are too vast to be found out (Rom. 11:33-36). His transcendence is on full display in Isa. 40. His holiness is something to behold (Isa. 6).

So, we have the basis, the foundation. GOD! High and lofty. Yes! Majestic. Yes! Awesome. Yes! And because of this we have every reason to trust Him. In Him we find the well-spring of life, a refuge in any time of trouble. We can hold on to Him, hope in Him, and depend totally upon Him. Are you?

## III. Where would we be without God's grace (Psalm 90:8-10)?

As sinners then under God's wrath, the only escape that we have is God's gracious hand through His Son Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:1ff). Grace is "God's good pleasure, and it is what God is like. . . Grace is that in which God brings into favor one justly in disfavor" (Tozer 98-99). Jesus Christ is the conduit of grace towards you and me. Without grace our only destination is hell. With grace our hell was taken on the cross by our Savior. No one has ever been saved, no one is ever saved now, and no one ever will be saved without God's grace.

God has demonstrated some measure of grace to all mankind, even the worst of the worst. Even those who think themselves to be good have been shown grace. But saving grace comes through faith in Jesus Christ and the new birth.

## IV. We need to be teachable and learn wisdom (Psalm 90:12).

Because life is short and we have God's anger against our sin, Moses pleads that we should *number our days*. First, that implies our days are few (Ps. 39:5-6). Second that means we have to learn to cultivate a teachable spirit. Third this means we have a short time to train our hearts towards wisdom.

But there is something more vitally important for us here. We must learn to number our days as a response to God, His power, and His wrath. This emphasizes that we must pay attention to God's ways each day and be grateful for each day we have to live on this earth. Wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord. Proverbs is a book that takes us from the horizontal to the vertical. We truly become wise by knowing God.

## **V. Where would we be without God's mercy (Psalm 90:14)?**

“When the goodness of God confronts human guilt and suffering, God listens, God hears, and the bleating of the lamb comes into His ear, and the moan of the babe comes into His heart, and the cry of Israel comes up to His throne. The goodness of God is confronting human suffering and guilt, and that is mercy” (Tozer 85).

### **Conclusion**

While we celebrate Janet's birthday today and the life that God has given her – and that is a worthwhile thing to celebrate! – more importantly we want to celebrate and remember the **STABILITY** of the Lord, the **SUSTAINING POWER** of our God, **THE SAVING GRACE** of Jesus, the **SUPERNATURAL WISDOM** that comes from believing God and His word, and the **COMPASSIONATE MERCY** of God.