

PERSPECTIVE

- **The Long View: Living With an Eternal Perspective**

Scripture: Psalm 90

A. Our perspective of life should be framed around God (**90:1-2**)

- God is eternal and everlasting.
- God is our dwelling place – our home – through all generations.

B. God is eternal and everlasting – but we are not – we are mortals (**90:3-11**)

- Life is short and the dust of death is on the horizon.
- Life is hard and much of the hardship is the result of sin – ours and others.
- Balance:
 - We are mists = the brevity of our lives (**90:10; 39:5; James 4:14**)
 - We are marvels = the value of our lives (**8:3-8**)
 - We are gifted with eternity in our hearts (**Ecclesiastes 3:11**)

C. We need to number our days = make our days count (**90:12-17**)

- Satisfy us with your unfailing love (**90:14**)
- Give us proportional gladness (**90:15**)
- Let us see your work again in our lives and let our children see your glory (**90:16**)
- Show us your approval by making our efforts successful (**90:17**)

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Question 1: From the Text

Think about God being “*from everlasting to everlasting*’ (**90:2**) In our ‘time conscience’ and ‘time squeezed’ culture, how comforting is it to know that God lives behind, above, below and beyond time?

Question 2: Life Experience

Moses describes the scope of human life as “*Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures...*” (**90:10**). Where does your life fit on this scale and how do you feel about that?

Question 3: Personal and Practical

Would you be willing to take the “Morning Challenge” this week? That challenge is to live out **Psalm 90:14** by intentionally beginning your morning telling God you are resting in the satisfaction of his unfailing love, and you will sing for joy all day long today.

The Bigger Picture

Psalm 90 points us to Jesus in some interesting ways. First, Jesus embodies God’s eternal nature (**John 1:1-3**), yet He entered our frailty by taking on flesh (**John 1:14**). Secondly, Jesus is the one who absorbs the judgment for sins that **Psalm 90** laments, offering unfailing love and forgiveness. Thirdly, true wisdom is found in Jesus (**Colossians 2:3**). Jesus secures and provides our eternal life (**John 11:25-26**), and numbering our days leads us to Him, who redeems our limited time. And lastly, Jesus is God’s unfailing love with flesh on (**John 3:16**). Jesus is the eternal One who enters time, the sinless One who bears wrath, and the risen One who secures eternal life.