

Sunday, December 29, 2019

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**Sermon: Living for Jesus Christ in 2020!**

FBC Vidalia

Morning Service

**Psalm 90**

**Psalm 90:10 (ESV)** The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

**Psalm 90:1-17 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. <sup>3</sup>You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" <sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup>You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: <sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. <sup>7</sup>For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. <sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. <sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. <sup>10</sup>The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. <sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. <sup>13</sup>Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. <sup>15</sup>Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. <sup>16</sup>Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. <sup>17</sup>Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

In Hebrew poetry, the climax is often in the middle.

**Psalm 90:12 (ESV)** So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**All that is important is eternal.**

**1. God is eternal!**

**Psalm 90:1-2 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

God is my refuge.

God never ages. He's outside of time.

**2. God is sovereign!**

**Psalm 90:3-6 (ESV)** <sup>3</sup>You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" <sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup>You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: <sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Life is short - only God knows when our time is up on this earth.

Life is short! Death is Sure! Sin is the Cause! Jesus Christ is the Cure!

### 3. God is severe!

**Psalm 90:7-12 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. <sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. <sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. <sup>10</sup> The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. <sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? <sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

There are consequences to sin.

They lacked the fear of God. (vs. 11)

### 4. God is merciful!

**Psalm 90:13-17 (ESV)** <sup>13</sup> Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants! <sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. <sup>15</sup> Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. <sup>16</sup> Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. <sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

Steadfast love - the great Hebrew word for God's covenant mercy.

The secret of a wise life - remain gospel-focused.