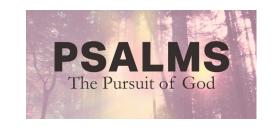
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Groups Sermon Study Questions

## **PRECIOUS TIME**

March 18, 2018

# **Message Summary**

God is from everlasting to everlasting; a thousand years are as a few hours in the night to him! God wants us to know his eternal majesty and power. And he also wants us to know about his utter holiness, purity and his hatred for sin—our sin. Then too, he wants us to comprehend his UNFAILING love for us. Grasping these truths unlocks joy and gladness to the end of our lives, and renders our work in him absolutely productive from the eternal perspective.

#### **Consider This**

- 1. How long do you think you will live? How many years more does that give you?
- 2. What are your plans for the years you have left?

# **Study Questions**

1. Read Genesis 2:7 and 3:17-19. How does your mortality shape the way you live your life?

- 2. "Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end" (Ecclesiastes 3:11 NLT). Read Psalm 39:4-5 and Psalm 8:4-6. How can we cultivate the eternal perspective that God has planted in our hearts?
- 3. Read Matthew 15:18–20, Romans 1:18–23, James 3:14–16 and 1 John 2:16. Why is God angry with us? Why would he be angry with you?
- 4. Consider Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 3:18. How do we know God loves us? What helps you to be more aware of God's love for you?
- 5. How can we find forgiveness from God and become connected to him and his love? (John 1:12, 1 John 1:9). Do you feel sure of God's forgiveness? How can you be sure?
- 6. Psalm 90 urges us to consider our death for wisdom. But from the eternal perspective, we should also view our death through the lens of Christ's death. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 and discuss the implications.
- 7. In Psalm 90, the psalmist asserts that God is our refuge and prays specifically that our relationship is restored. Read verses 13–17 and list the benefits that we can expect as a result of that prayer.

8. Life is futile without God (Ecclesiastes 1:2). But what is true of the believer's life in Christ according to 1 Corinthians 15:58? How might the psalmist's specific prayer in Psalm 90:17 apply to you?

# **Moving Forward**

- 1. In centuries past, Christians concentrated on preparing you for a good death. How will your contemplation of death shape the way you live your life moving forward?
- 2. Read Psalm 73 each day this week and let God's perspective shape your attitude and prayers.