

At Home in Eternity

Psalm 90:2, 4

This is Derek Prince with a word for you from the Word.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by or like a watch in the night.

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That's the difference between time and eternity, the mountains were born, the earth and the world were brought forth, that's a past tense. But when the psalmist turns to God he says, "From everlasting to everlasting you are God." Not, "You *were* God," but "You *are* God." With God there is never a past tense, never a future tense. God doesn't indwell time; He indwells eternity. Eternity is not just a very long period of time; it's a different mode of being. It's something from another world. It's higher than time. With God it's always, *you are*. His name is, "I AM." And from the serenity and the heights of eternity He beholds time.

The psalmist says that "a thousand years with God are just like a day that's gone by or a watch in the night." The night, in biblical times, was divided into four watches of three hours each, so a thousand years with God is just like three hours that have passed in our experience. That's what it is to be related to God. It's to have a relationship that extends out of time into eternity, that's not subject to the changes and fluctuations of time, that's anchored in the very being of God Himself.