

Psalms 90-93 – 6 July 2025

“In God We Dwell”

Introduction

- *This is 1st of 6 messages in the 4th Book of Psalms
- *Psalms - the Israeli Hymnbook or Book of Praises
- *Most of the 34 Psalms that have no title or introduction are clustered here in Book 4
- *Isn't it wonderful living a life under the will of God
- *Today's Psalms point us to just how wonderful it is
- *So today we'll see 3 benefits to truly dwelling in the presence of God – In God We Dwell**

#1: Submitting to God brings meaning to our short, frail life (Psm 90)

Intro – This is the only Psalm attributed to Moses

Read Psm 90:1-2

1. Moses begins w/ humility calling Him Master
2. God has been Israel's home & refuge

- a. Their place of rest, security & protection
- 3. There's a trust that having this home will last
- 4. Now in vs 2, there's also an assurance of God's powerful position to maintain Himself
 - a. He's from the beginning until the very end
 - b. Literally from the vanishing point past to the vanishing point future

Read Vs 3-6

- 1. As contrasted w/ God, man is but for a moment
 - a. We came from the dust of the earth & that's where we return
 - b. We're like the grass, rising in the morning only to dry up in the evening
- 2. Peter borrowed this language about time
 - a. Not comparing 1000 yrs to a day (ie II Pet); here it's compared to a watch or 3 hrs
 - b. Time is just something God created for man to experience & live within
 - c. God is beyond it; watching men come & go

Read Vs 7-9

- 1. In relation to God, our sin nature makes this life dismal, deficient, & declining

2. He's painting a picture as to why it's wonderful
God is willing to be our dwelling place or refuge

Read Vs 10-12

1. We're here for such a short time, we should realize that & not waste it
2. So how do we gain wisdom (Read Prov 9:10)
 - a. Begins w/ living under our Lord Jesus
3. To labor is vanity unless we're laboring to love
God Himself

Read Vs 13-17

1. Yes our sins lead to despair, but we can pray
our God will be gracious to us
 - a. Ask God to come & show pity (vs 13)
 - b. Ask God to rejoice our hearts w/ love (vs 14)
 - c. Ask God for years to experience Him (vs 15)
 - d. Ask God to see His action among us (vs 16)
 - e. Ask God to make firm our work for Him (Vs 17)
2. God delights to do good for his kids

#2: Submitting to God brings protection from worldly dangers (Psm 91)

Intro – Many, like Spurgeon, have found this Psalm the most cheerful of all the Psalms

Read Psm 91:1-2

1. If Psm 90 was a house to live in, this is a home
 - a. A hiding place of shelter from evil & trial
 - b. Secret place of refuge & hope for rejuvenation
2. Notice, the author uses 4 terms for the Lord here emphasizing His greatness
 - a. Most High God, Almighty, Yahweh, God
 - b. This is the God that has power to provide

Read Vs 3-4

1. This is the place of dependance & trust
 - a. Place that instills hope for a good future
2. Do you know how to abide in this secret place?
 - a. Susanna Wesley (19 kids); known to throw her apron over her head to signal she's w/ God
 - b. Paul & Silas were there while in prison

3. Shelters of this world come and go
 - a. My childhood home was just destroyed by fire a few days ago (7/1/2025)
 - b. Reminds you to place your hope in the Lord
4. May be chaos all around, but great peace within

Read Vs 5-8

1. Now is given the difference; there is the wicked & those that abide (live) under Jesus Christ
 - a. Those are great promises...to those that trust God, live under his house rules & love Him
 - b. Wes Bentley, a Calvary Missionary, serves in 39 of the most dangerous countries
 - i. Msg from July 12, 2020 stressed benefits of living under the shadow of God's wings
 - ii. *"My obedience has protected me"*
2. So who can claim these promises?
 - a. Let not the wicked man attempt it
 - b. Let not the carnal believer attempt it
 - c. Neither let the believer tempt the Lord in advance to prove these things to him
 - d. These are for believers living in His will

Read Vs 9-10

1. There is evil & plagues that come on people
b/c they live according to the world's standards
 - a. Suffering from car wrecks b/c of drunkenness
 - b. Suffering from plagues b/c of illicit sex
2. Not for those who have pitched their tent
within the Lord's boundaries

Read Vs 11-13

1. Satan tempted Jesus to use this as a pride
 - a. These promises are protective, not proactive
2. Like protection described in Mark 16:18 about
taking up snakes
 - a. It's protective participation, not proactive
operation
 - b. Paul would take God's protection in Act 28

Read Vs 14-16

1. From vs 14, our love of God is what protects
2. How do we know if someone loves God?
 - a. Read John 14:23 – Obedience protects us

#3: Submitting to God brings hope to the thankful heart (Psm 92)

Intro – Let this Psalm be a reminder that the Sabbath for Israel was intended to be a delight, not a burden

Our Sabbath is living in Christ (Col 2:17)

Living for Christ should be a delight, not a burden

Read Psm 92:1-4

1. It's good to praise & thank God in many ways
2. We thank Him for His works – what He's done
 - a. We thank God for who He is, but do we also thank God just as much for what He does & how He does it?

Read Vs 5-9

1. This is as close to heaven as the wicked will get; & this is as close to hell as the faithful will get
2. When we see the wicked prosper, we need to consider the big plans God is orchestrating behind the scenes

Read Vs 10-11

1. *Wild Ox* is re'em translated unicorn
 - a. This is an extinct ox or rhino
 - b. Indian rhino is called *rhinoceros unicornis*
2. The Lord is given credit for giving strength & power with protection from enemies
 - a. THESE are some of the great works of God

Read Vs 12-15

1. Notice again this flourishing is for those that are planted in the House of God
2. This Psalm is for the one whose heart is drawn to worship the Lord for His wonderful works
 - a. THEN the blessing comes to them

And now, just for the fun of it, let's look at Psm 93

Be Glad That The Lord Reigns (Psm 93)

Intro – These short praise psalms need little to no interpretation even in the English

Read Vs 1-2

1. The Lord has all power & authority forever

Read Vs 3-4

1. As mighty as the created waves are, the Lord God that made them is much greater

Read Vs 5

1. Oh the great value of God's Word & presence
2. We can trust that our great God will always be the one true great God!

Conclusion

So, are you living your life subordinate to Christ?

1. **It brings meaning to our short, frail life**
2. **It brings protection from worldly dangers**
3. **It brings hope to the thankful heart**

Do you have this?

Can you say as the Church does; "In God We Dwell"