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Psalm 90:1-10

Title: Wisdom is Necessary

Introduction:

Wisdom is helpful, so much so that Moses, the writer of the prayer in Psalm 90 knew about bad decisions. He had had experience of bad decisions in the 40 years that he was in the palace, 40 years as a shepherd in the desert, and now in his 40 years of leading Israel in the wilderness.



Moses acknowledges a number of things as he thinks about life:

1. ACKNOWLEDGES A PROFESSION OF FAITH (vs. 1-2)

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

2. ACKNOWLEDGES HISTORY

Recalling their history, Moses saw that God had always been home to Israel, generation after generation. He alone had been their house of comfort and security.

3. ACKNOWLEDGES THE SHORTNESS OF LIFE (vs. 3-10)

“The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.” (Psalm 90:10 NRSV)

4. ACKNOWLEDGES THE WRATH OF GOD (vs. 7-8)

“For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.” (Psalm 90:7-8 NRSV)

“So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.” (Psalm 90:12)

“And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.” (Luke 4:24 NRSV)

Conclusion: I want to encourage you to desire and ask God for wisdom like what Moses and Jesus had. Moses sought God’ perspective in whatever he did, and we should do the same in whatever we do.