

Psalm 90

Have you ever just thought about life, what's it all about? Is what you are doing adding up in the end? Have you ever wondered if you are climbing a ladder your whole life only to find out at the end it was on the wrong wall? What if today really was your final day? Would you be satisfied?

Today we will look at the oldest Psalm in the Bible, written by Moses, Psalm 90. In this Psalm we have recorded a prayer of Moses as he intercedes on behalf of Israel. Moses wanted Israel to learn that only with God can there be meaning in life. We, like Moses, need a passionate plea for purpose.

Fare too often we find meaning in someone else's storyline, rather than God's. We live reactionary lives, we live without purpose, which, in the end, adds up to nothing. Filling our lives with activities, busyness and distractions. We find ourselves going further and further into debt, all with the promise that at the end there will be meaning. We give our time over to that which will not remain. We need a passionate plea for purpose. There needs to come a point in your life in which you have had enough, you can either waste your life or find true meaning in God's plan for you. Finding meaning in someone else's storyline, is their plan for you. The narrative goes like this, "this is important" and "here's why it's important." Whether it is in God's eyes or not is another story. We are sold the

encompassing dramatic narratives of Books, TV, movies, video games, sports (the big game), news, drama, gossip, financial programs, food programs, travel programs, exercise programs, family programs, school programs, business programs, points programs, coupon programs, Vons club, American Express plan, frequent flyer miles, everybody has a plan for you and more often than not we passively comply. New Phone, new car, new teeth, new you. Our world is exceptional at selling us a story we buy into. They have what you need to be complete, happy, healthy, satisfied, fulfilled, joyful and desirable and it's all for sale, just one more thing and you'll be there. But have you ever stopped and considered who's plan you are on? What program you are perusing? Who's storyline you are buying into?

What is it that you want? What is it that you are pursuing? More importantly,

What is that God wants for you? What is that God wants you to pursue?

The path to a meaningless life is pretty clear, And you have some options

Get on someone else's plan

Get on the devils plan

Get on the worlds plan

Get on temptations plan

If we were to sit down and do an audit of your life right now and I asked you about each of these areas how would you far? “So, what’s going on in your life, what’s your day to day life look like?” “Well...”

And the Path to purpose

Get on God’s plan, be part of His storyline

We must know that which lasts for eternity is that which shares in the eternal.

Your godly actions, thoughts and attitudes will carry into eternity while everything else will go up in smoke. (1 Cor. 3:13)

Let’s look at Moses’s **passionate plea for purpose** and glean wisdom in an age void of meaning. Moses is a man who has seen it all, raised in the pharaoh’s house, he killed a man, he experienced life as a shepherd, God spoke to him from a burning bush, he had a stick that could turn into a snake, Witnessed the plagues in Egypt, Crossed the Red Sea on dry land, encountered God on Mt. Sinai, saw the pillar of Cloud by day and fire by night, ate mana from heaven, drank water out of rocks. Moses has seen a lot and this was his prayer for the people. Let us respect this ancient wisdom.

If you want a meaningful life, a life with eternal value

1. Acknowledge God (1-2)

We live in a secular age. Materialism, naturalism says there is no God. New Age says everything is God so whatever you do God's on board with. To think of God goes against everything in our culture. It is not natural. When life is good, when life is bad, when you need to make life choices do you consider God? We need to have a belief in God.

1. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. “a protective shelter.”

1. For the people of God they find their place in God.
2. Our story is found in God's grand narrative not the worlds.

**2. Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

1. There is no plan or purpose above His.
2. He is the beginning and the end.
3. There is none like Him.

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2. Accept the Problem 3-11

You need to come to terms with who you are. Accept your mortality, you have

eternity in your heart and mortality in your flesh, we are of two worlds. You are

not God. The futility of life without faith in God. (Heb 11:29-30)

Read 90:3-11

How did they get here, Numbers 13:25-14:38, 33:18-38

About 1,200,000 people in a 38-year period. This would be the entire adult population that left Egypt, those from age 20 upward. The wilderness, which God intended to be simply a place of passing through to a new Land, had become a huge cemetery. What does it mean to have 1,200,000 people die in a 38-year period? It means that 31,580 people died per year. More specifically, 87 people died every single day—87 funerals per day—all because of the sin at Kadesh.

Read 90:3-11 again

1. Dust
2. Nothing in comparison to God
3. Sinner who cannot hid from God
4. Rightly deserving of Wrath/Anger
5. Life is hard
6. Life is short
6. Fleeting. Like holding water in your hand. The good times pass, your work decays, relationships come and go. The vigor of youth fades. From learning to walk, to running, riding bikes, sports, marriage, children, empty nest, injuries, medical issues, retirement, sickness, parting, dust. You will go the way of all men.

10 Young people view time as moving slowly, with one year of high school or college seeming to take forever; older people cannot understand how the years

have passed so quickly. This is the difference between looking at it from the beginning and viewing it from the end.

11 in very few people does the wrath of God induce a sense of fear to turn away from sin. Even when tragedy hits, although a minority will turn to God in faith, a vast majority always fail to make the shift to faith in Him.

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3. Ask for a new focus (12-17)

12 Key verse, many people want the blessings found in the next verses without this verse. Humility. “May we get this from now on.”

The Hebrew word for “wisdom” means to gain skill in living. We are to gain skill in living our daily lives for God in righteousness and godly deeds. Godly deeds done with godly wisdom will continue into eternity.

14 He uses a word for lovingkindness, *chesed*, which means “covenant-faithfulness.”

14-15 The Hebrew word for rejoice means “to sing in ringing tones,” emphasizing external joy. The Hebrew word for be glad emphasizes internal joy. In other words,

he wants Israel to experience both internal and external joys in all their days. The prayer is that they may enjoy life abundantly rather than continue passing it in sorrow. The point is to ask God that what He has done to the Exodus Generation, He would avoid doing to the Wilderness Generation. Moses asks for a new era of joy, salvation, and peace on behalf of this new generation.

16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants. In other words, may God's providence become evident in His work with the new generation, the Wilderness Generation

17 The work of our hands refers to our daily tasks done in obedience and according to the will of God to glorify Him.

The Lord's servants should accomplish the work of God and they will thus enjoy success in their labors although life is short.

(Will of God, eternal works)

Colossians 1:9-14-will of God, 3:1-4:1

Ephesians 2:10- Good works

Matt 24:36-51 (46) "Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes"

Matthew 28:19-20, discipleship and missions

Conclusion

Moses prayed to God on behalf of Israel in order that they may have better days.

In his prayer He recognized that God is the true home for God's people, their true resting place and acknowledges. Their lives were meaningless, aimless, pointless, and sad,

From wrath to love

From meaninglessness to satisfaction

From sorrow to joy

From affliction to blessing

From bad to good

Israel was busy doing nothing, they were marching to death and Moses prayed for this transition to take place from cursing to blessing from meaninglessness to meaning.

Being part of something great doesn't mean success unless God is in it. Faith leading to obedience has an eternal value. The Exodus Generation was part of something amazing, the most miraculous movement of people in the history of the world. Taken from Slavery in Egypt, the greatest world power, through the Red Sea and into freedom. Yet they had a wasted generation because of their unbelief.

The people of God need to be on the plan of God. We will not face the wrath of God like Israel, the wrath for us was poured out on Christ but we have the threat of our light being removed. The removal of our effective witness and testimony as a church if we lose focus of God's plan.

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Go about your master's work

Your life will come to an end. You will either have lived a life of eternal value or aimless wandering. Don't be generation that amuses itself to death. Live for God and enjoy eternal life now.