

USE IT OR LOSE IT ~ PSALM 90

→ Scripture Reading - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

CONTRASTING GOD AND MAN ~ Psalm 90:1-6

[1] Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. [2] Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. [3] You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men." [4] For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. [5] You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning--[6] though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.

CONTRASTING GOD AND MAN

God is...

- the CREATOR
- a REFUGE
- ETERNAL
- RULER Over everything

Men are Like...

- DUST...
- a WATCH in the Night
- passing FLOOD
- dry and withered GRASS

APPLICATION

God and Time

- He has ALWAYS Existed vs. 1-2
- He is the GIVER of All Time vs. 3
- He is NEVER Limited by Time vs. 4
- Our Time is LIMITED by God vs. 5-6

→ MY FREE TIME... MY SPARE TIME...

→ WE ARE ALL ON BORROWED

GOD'S ANGER AT SIN ~ Psalm 90:7-10

[7] We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. [8] You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. [9] All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. [10] The length of our days is seventy years--or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

→ The 40 years judgment in the wilderness were the world's longest funeral march. Wiersbe

APPLICATION

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NIV) For God did NOT appoint us to suffer WRATH but to receive salvation THROUGH our Lord Jesus Christ.

JUSTICE - is getting what we Deserve - God's WRATH

MERCY - is NOT getting the Punishment we deserve - God's FORGIVENESS

GRACE - is getting what we do NOT Deserve - God's Goodness here & in Eternity

THE PRAYER OF MOSES ~ Psalm 90:11-17

[11] Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. [12] Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. [13] Relent, O Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. [14] Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. [15] Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

Numbers 14:20-23 (NIV) The Lord replied, "I have forgiven them, as you asked. [21] Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth, [22] not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times - [23] not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.

[16] May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. [17] May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us--yes, establish the work of our hands.

APPLICATION

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NLT) For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. [2] A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. [3] A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. [4] A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. [5] A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. [6] A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. [7] A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. [8] A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.

→ O.H. - CALENDAR

TAKE AWAY ??

A NEW LEAF ~Kathleen Wheeler

He came to my desk with quivering lip-
The lesson was done.
"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said,
"I have spoiled this one."

I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled,
"Do better, now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul-
The old year was done.
"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."

He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,
"Do better, now, my chil