

The Eternity of God

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Psalm 90, Moses (1446-1406 BC)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

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

3 You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

4 For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

5 You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the
morning:

6 in the morning it flourishes and is
renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

7 For we are brought to an end by your
anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.

8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your
presence.

9 For all our days pass away under your
wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

11 Who considers the power of your
anger,

and your wrath according to the fear of
you?

12 So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your
steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our
days.

15 Make us glad for as many days as you
have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen
evil.

16 Let your work be shown to your
servants,
and your glorious power to their
children.

17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be
upon us,

and establish the work of our hands
upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

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Ps 89:46-52, Ethan the Ezrahite (circa 925 BC)

46 How long, O Lord? Will you hide yourself forever?

How long will your wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is!

For what vanity you have created all the children of man!

48 What man can live and never see death?

Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?

Selah

49 Lord, where is your steadfast love of old,

which by your faithfulness you swore to David?

50 Remember, O Lord, how your servants are mocked,

and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations,

51 with which your enemies mock, O Lord,

with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the Lord forever!

Amen and Amen.

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Outline

- Our Eternal God is Our Eternal Home (Ps 90:1-4)
 - “Thy present day does not give way to tomorrow, nor indeed, does it take the place of yesterday. Thy present day is eternity.” Augustine, *Confessions*
 - Eternity of God is the doctrine that God is without beginning, that God is without end, and that God is without succession. Stephen Charnock, *The Existence and Attributes of God*
- Our lives are short on years, long on trouble (Ps 90:5-11)
 - A “dream,” “grass,” “a mist”
 - Our experience of time: Long & Short
- Our only refuge is dependence (Ps 90:12-17)
 - A Comfort for Believers
 - 1 John 5:11-12, “God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life.”
 - Heidelberg Catechism Q17
 - Q. Why must the mediator also be true God?
 - A. So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity, might bear the weight of God’s wrath in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.
 - A Warning for Unbelievers
 - “(God’s) eternity makes the punishment more dreadful than his power. His power makes it sharp, but His eternity makes it perpetual.”
Stephen Charnock, Puritan pastor 17th century