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## Scripture

Psalm 90

- 1 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 turn us back to dust,  
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away; 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 consumed by your anger;  
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
- 8 You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
our years come to an end like a sigh.
- 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.
- 11 Who considers the power of your anger?  
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
- 12 So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.

- 13 Turn, O LORD! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!
- 14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and as many years as we have seen evil.
- 16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.
- 17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands —  
O prosper the work of our hands!

### **Devotional**

Psalm 90 reminds us of the Lord's GREATNESS and our it'sy, bitsy tininess. In this midst of the craziness of classes, holiday plans, Field Ed, and family it is easy to think that the world revolves around us. Psalm 90 reminds us yet again, that the Lord is our dwelling place. The Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, our days just pass away. With the Psalmist we say, "Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on thy servants!" And with mercy the Christ Child is born. The Lord, who is from everlasting to everlasting, has come to earth to be with us. With mercy the favor of the Lord is upon us. With mercy we are reminded that the world does not revolve around us. Thankfully, God is GREAT, and mercifully this God has favor upon us.

### **Prayer**

Thank you, Lord for your greatness and your mercy. Thank you, Lord that you are from everlasting to everlasting. Help us, your finite creatures to serve you this day in a way that is pleasing. Amen.