

BOOK IV

Psalm 90

A prayer of Moses, the man of God

King James Version (KJV)

90 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. (formed- Khool <Hebrew> – labor pains, as when the earth was being formed)

³Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. Genesis-3:19 (the flesh returns to dust)

⁴For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. (Time is insignificant to God)

⁵Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

⁶In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. (Generations come and go, but God remains the same)

⁷For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled. (Because we all break God's commandments)

⁸Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. Numbers-14:22

⁹For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. (That generation was judged to die in the wilderness. The next one would enter the Promised Land)

¹⁰The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. (When we die, our spirit returns to the Father)

¹¹Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. (The experiences that the people went through in the

previous verses, should urge us to revere the Father – better translation)

¹² So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. (We should use our days wisely)

¹³ Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. (Let us return to Your favor)

¹⁴ O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. (This was the 40 year punishment for repeatedly tempting God)

¹⁶ Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

¹⁷ And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

This is believed to have been written by Moses in the 38th year in the wilderness. Two years before entering the Promised Land. One of the last writings of Moses, this was written 500 years before the other Psalms of David and others.