



SECRETS OF THE HEART "The Wise Heart" Psalm 90

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There are two inescapable realities—death and evil. That’s why we have Court TV and Dr. Kevorkian, cemeteries and police, healthcare reform and crime bills. Moses, the man of God, said in this Psalm that if we are to address these realities—and we must—we need to ask the Lord for “a heart of wisdom.”

I. Re-affirmation of Basic Beliefs. vv. 1-2

- A. The existence of “Adonai” — “Lord, Master.”
- B. The experience of “Adonai.”
 - 1. A dwelling place—despite the wilderness.
 - 2. For all generations—the history of the covenant people.
- C. The eternal nature of “Adonai.”
 - 1. God of creation.
 - 2. God of the ages.

II. Reflection on Basic Issues. vv. 3-11

- A. The brevity of life in the light of eternity. vv. 3-6
 - 1. Our earthly destiny is to return to dust. v. 3
 - 2. Our earthly life is relatively brief. v. 4
 - a. God inhabits eternity.
 - b. We rent time.
 - 3. Our eventual demise is divinely controlled. vv. 5-6
- B. The reality of evil before the face of God. vv. 7-8
 - 1. Actions must be evaluated “in the light of (His) presence.”
 - 2. Evaluation must be made in terms of His judgment.
- C. The misery of humanity as it relates to the Fall. vv. 9-11
 - 1. The link between human experience and divine judgment.
 - 2. The failure to grasp the depth of divine reaction to human action.

III. Recognition of Basic Needs. vv. 12-17

- A. The need to evaluate life correctly. 12a; See Ephesians 5:16; Colossians 4:5
- B. The need for a “wisdom” based outlook. v. 12b; See Proverbs 9:10
- C. The need for divine compassion and love. vv. 13-14a; See John 3:16
- D. The need for joy that comes only from the Lord. vv. 14b-15
- E. The need for an experience of divine activity. v. 16; See Hebrews 1:1-3
- F. The need for God’s blessing on the daily routine. v. 17; See Ephesians 2:10

Points to Ponder: The “Wise” person understands Creation, Fall, Salvation and Glory and lives in the daily light of all of them.