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# Sermon Notes

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## Try to Remember

Psalm 90

### Memorial Day

- ❖ The process of looking back, taking stock and giving thanks
- ❖ Remembering the sacrifices of others may cause us to reflect on the reality of death
  - life is fragile and does not stand still
  - much in life is uncertain... nothing is permanent
  - unless Christ comes back first, we will all die

### A Psalm of Moses

- ❖ Psalm 90 is somber, but it is not pessimistic
  - calls “a spade a spade” and refuses to whitewash reality
  - teaches us not to miss the present touch of God
- ❖ Plain, straightforward, realistic images
  - as solemn and sobering as these pictures are, for those who belong to Jesus, they are not dreary or dismal
  - Moses encourages us to live fully and freely, making the most of every day

- ❖ Living with eternity in view
  - our lives are marked by time, beginning and endings, seasons and years
  - meditating on the eternal nature of God has profound implications for the way we live and what we live for
- ❖ The opposite of eternity
  - grass: here today and gone tomorrow
  - a picture of our lives
- ❖ For God 1,000 years is nothing more than an overnight camp out

### Why Does This Matter?

- ❖ An important prayer request
  - *teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom*
  - numbering our days is unnatural, we need God to teach us to do this
  - in order to live life fully and wisely, we need to be taught to keep eternity in view
  - learn to meet with Christ and live for Christ with every passing breath
- ❖ Learning to number our days keeps us humble
  - our greatest problem is not that life is short
  - our greatest problem is sin and the fact that we are subject to the just wrath of God because of our sin

- ❖ Moses traces our mortality to its roots
  - the wages of sin are death
  - the presence of death in the world is God’s judgment on our sin
- ❖ Moses understands he has no hope apart from God’s grace
  - “God, make my life count!”
  - “Let me live out my life.”
  - “Let nothing in this life satisfy me apart from your steadfast love and your saving grace.”

### Bright Hope for Tomorrow

- ❖ Although our lives are in a constant state of flux, God will always be what God has always been
  - instead of dwelling on problems, rest in God
  - learning to number our days will help us live with the freedom God intends for us to enjoy
- ❖ Ask God for the grace you need to cause your efforts for God to bear fruit and make a difference for eternity
  - Ephesians 2:10, *doing the good works, which God prepared beforehand*
  - only God can establish the work of your hands

O may all who come behind us find us faithful!  
 May the fire of our devotion light their way.  
 May the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe,  
 And the lives we live inspire them to obey.

### Personal Application

1. In what ways can a growing awareness that you belong to a God who has no beginning or end have a positive impact on how you go through your day?
2. Read Psalm 90 again. How do the reminders Moses gives about the brevity and frailty of life impact your desire to make each day count for God?
3. What practical steps is God leading you to as you ask Him to teach you to number your days?
4. Moses prays that God will establish the work of his hands. Ephesians 2:10 tells us that God prepared good works for each of us to do before we were born or saved. What has God called you to do that you would like Him to “establish”?