

# Sermon Notes for Young People

January 5, 2020 | Psalm 90 | "A Psalm for the New Year"

## I. **Introduction**: On What is Moses reflecting in Psa. 90?

## II. **Main Argument**

### A. **Praise for God's Lordship (vv. 1-2)**

1. **Confession of Faith**: what does Moses begin the psalm acknowledging?
  - a. What is our great error?
  - b. What two vital truths does Moses highlight before confronting sobering truths?
  - c. **Application**:
    - 1) How does a new year confront us with our rootlessness as humanity?
    - 2) What are some substitutes for an abiding dwelling place people try to build?

## B. **Lament for Man's Sinfulness (vv. 3-12)**

### 1. **God's Great Power (vv. 3-10)**

- a. What is in the background of the opening command here? (v. 3)
- b. How does God's majesty become frightfully disturbing now? (v. 4)
- c. How does Moses highlight the hopelessness of mankind (vv. 3-6)
- d. **Hardship**: How does God's providence relate to our hardships?
  - 1) How does Moses characterize the difficulties of life (vv. 7-8)?
  - 2) How extensive is God's knowledge of our own sin?
- e. How does Moses characterize human achievements (vv. 9-10)?

## 2. Seeking Wisdom (vv. 11-12)

- a. What does Moses recognize about God's wrath here (v. 11)?
  
- b. For what is Moses pleading by faith here?
  
- c. For what two things does Moses pray in light of all he has realized about human life (v. 12)?

## C. **Prayer for God's Mercy (vv. 13-17)**

### 1. Covenant Mercies (vv. 13-15)

- a. How does Moses turn the "eviction notice" of verse 3 into a plea for mercy in v. 13?
  
- b. Why is it significant that Moses uses God's Name; to what else is Moses appealing?
  
- c. **Application:** How do Moses requests help us to see the superiority of the New Covenant when compared to the Old?

## 2. End to Futility (vv. 16-17)

- a. For what specific things of lasting significance does Moses pray?
  
- b. What is the basis of Moses' plea for God's favor to return?
  
- c. What is the significance of the Lord's Table to Christian assurance?

## III. **Conclusion:** Questions for my parents or the pastor...