

PSALM 90

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

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

6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7. For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*.

10 The 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.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath.

12. So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

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.

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.

PSALM 91

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

6 *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9. Because thou hast made the

LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

PSALM 92

A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day.

I*T is a good thing* to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

3 Upon an instrument of ten

strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 O LORD, how great are thy works! *and* thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

7. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, LORD, *art most* high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies, *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

15 To shew that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM 93

THE LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne *is* established of old: thou *art* from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

4 The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

PSALM 94

OLORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.

2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked

triumph?

4 *How long* shall they utter *and* speak hard things? *and* all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.

8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?*

11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.

12. Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

18 When I said, My foot slip-peth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.

23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea*, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalm 90 begins Book Four of the Psalter. Psalms 90—106 are compared by some to the Book of Numbers, because they cover the wilderness wanderings. They describe the experiences of God's people in the wilderness and the glory for Israel and the nations following the wilderness period.

In Psalm 90, we are shown man's fallen condition; while in Psalm 91 we are shown redeemed man in fellowship with God, and his dependence upon God. He walks among men in the secret place and under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalm 92 is a song of praise for ultimate rest as a result of God's work of redemption (verse 4); His conquest of the enemies of His people (verses 5-9); and His favor to His own (verses 10-15).

In Psalm 93 the majesty and strength of the Lord are displayed. Our God is not only kind and gracious, but strong and mighty. Nothing is too hard for the Lord. Verse 2 tells us, "Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting." We serve a great God who is bigger than all our problems. What a tragedy that we seldom call on Him except in times of emergency and crisis! God wants to be our Friend every moment of every day.

In Psalm 94 we learn that God is a God of judgment. He knows all about us. Verse 11 says, "The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity." Nothing is hidden from the Lord. If we could but develop a consciousness of the moment by moment presence of the Lord in our lives, it would be easy to live a holy life. He lives within us. Let us daily acknowledge His omniscience.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit" (Proverbs 29:23).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 22: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

BIRTHDAY TODAY

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1919

PROHIBITION BEGAN.

It seems that in our generation liquor is just a way of life. May those of us who know the Lord Jesus Christ never come to the place where we accept it. I

have flown several times on commercial airliners; I have stayed in many hotels and motels; I have eaten in many public places. It seems that to be elite and acceptable one has to drink. This should not be so, but if it is so, one should not be elite and acceptable. On this day in history America had more intelligence probably than any other date in her life. What a shame we had to have a relapse!

Spend some time today teaching your children or grandchildren about the evils of alcohol. Do not do it simply in an educational type discussion, but rather, stomp your foot, raise your voice, and make liquor sound like the evil and menace that it really is. From the child's infancy he should be taught how awfully bad it is to drink any kind of alcoholic beverages.

Let us take this opportunity to warn and exhort our children about liquor and to reaffirm our pledge as total abstainers.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1868

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE MET IN NEW ORLEANS. The temporary chairman of the house was a black representative, R.H. Isabelle. Oscar J. Dunn presided over the senate. Seven of the thirty-six senators were black. Thirty-five of the 101 representatives were black.

1970

NAACP CHAIRMAN STEPHEN GILL SPOTTSWOOD TOLD THE NAACP CONVENTION THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION WAS "ANTI-NEGRO" and was pressing "a calculated Policy" inimical to "the needs and aspirations of the large majority" of citizens.

1972

U.S. SUPREME COURT RULED THE FIVE-FOUR DECISION THAT THE DEATH PENALTY WAS CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT which violated the Eighth Amendment. At the time of the ruling, blacks and members of other minority groups constituted 483 of the 600 persons awaiting execution.

1972

NAACP ANNUAL REPORT SAID THE UNEMPLOYMENT OF "URBAN BLACKS IN 1971 WAS WORSE THAN AT ANYTIME SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE THIRTIES." The report also said that more school desegregation occurred in 1971 than in any other year since the 1954 school decision.

Hymn of the Week

“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

H.G. Spafford

One of the most tragic stories behind the writing of a hymn is the story which prompted the writing of “It Is Well with My Soul.”

H.G. Spafford was a successful businessman of Chicago with a lovely family of six—a wife and five children.

On November 21, 1873, the French liner Villa de Marve was crossing the Atlantic from America to France. On board were Mrs. Spafford and four of the children. Suddenly, the steamer collided with a large sailing vessel, causing the steamer to sink in thirty minutes. As the panic started, Mrs. Spafford hurriedly brought the four children to the deck. She knelt there with them in prayer, asking God to spare them if it could be his will, or, to make them willing to die if that was His will.

The ship very shortly slipped beneath the dark waters of the Atlantic, carrying with it most of its passengers, four of whom were the Spafford children. A sailor off the steamer was rowing over the spot where the ship had sunk when he spotted a woman floating in the water. It was Mrs. Spafford. Ten days later she was landed safely in Cardiff, Wales. From there she sent her husband this message: “Saved, alone.”

Mr. Spafford framed this telegram and hung it in his office.

Two years later, while entertaining Ira Sankey in his home, H.G. Spafford wrote the verses of “It Is Well with My Soul” in commemo-

ration of his children. The only comfort that he could find concerning the death of his children was that they had all been saved just a short time before the tragedy. The first verse of the song is as follows:

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

The music for this song was one of the last compositions of the golden-voiced P.P. Bliss, the writer of such songs as “Let the Lower Lights Be Burning” and “Hold the Fort.” Even though a tragic train accident took him home at an early age, P.P. Bliss contributed much to hymnology and the singing of Christians around the world.

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”—it is well with my soul.*

*Chorus:
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well
With my soul.*

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "THERE ARE TOO MANY HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH"

(Assignment 22)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning," page xiii near the front of this book.)

You are not to judge.

() Matthew 7:1

Judge not, that ye be not judged..

Those that try to judge are inexcusable.

() Romans 2:1

Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Judgment of God according to truth.

() Romans 2:2

But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

Those that judge do the same thing.

() Romans 2:3

And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Only accountable for yourself.

() Romans 14:12

So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God.