

THE EVERLASTING GOD AND MORTAL MAN

PSALM 90: 1-6

Introduction:

Moses attended a lot of funerals across the last 38 years of his life. In the span of those 38 years more than a million graves were dug in the wilderness. Attending that many funerals will make you think seriously about the significance of human life.

This prayer to God was provoked by these daily reminders of the mortality of man. This is the oldest psalm in the hymnbook and was written by Moses after the tragedy of Kadesh Barnea where God declared judgment on a whole generation of unbelieving Israelites. Not one Israelite twenty years old or above would be allowed to enter the land of promise—with the exception of the two faithful servants Joshua and Caleb.

There is a somber note in this psalm, but it still holds out the hope of the finding the mercy of the Lord. It begins with the declaration that the Eternal is the proper place of safety for mortal man.

I. THE EVERLASTING GOD IS MORTAL MAN'S PROPER HOME. (v. 1-2)

1. Humans were created for a relationship with God.
2. Humans owe their existence to God.

II. THE EVERLASTING GOD DETERMINES THE DAYS OF
MORTAL MAN.

1. God decrees that man return to dust.
2. God determines how long man lives.