

Title: “What Moses Knows is True, and What Moses Wants To Be True”

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Series: Psalms

Text: Psalm 90

Blurb: “Moses notes several truths, including difficult ones -- and they are difficult enough that it moves him to prayer.”

Outline

(1) What Moses Knows is True (90:1-11)

- God’s life is long (“from everlasting to everlasting,” 90:2)
- Man’s life is short (90:3-6)
- *Difficult truth:* Why is man’s life short and difficult? Because of _____ (90:7-11)
 - This indeed is hard, although it is also prone to misunderstanding. But Moses doesn’t run from reality!

(2) What Moses Wants to be True (90:12-17)

- Note: he prays about these things! That says a lot: Moses knows these are *big* items he can’t do himself, and he also knows God is a God who responds to prayer.
- A prayer for:
 - Wisdom: “Teach us to number our days.” (90:12)
 - Love: “Have pity!... Satisfy us...with your steadfast love.” (90:13-14)
 - Joy: “Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us...” (90:15)
 - Help: “Let your work be shown...” (90:16)
 - Success: “Establish the work of our hands!” (90:17)

Aftermath: what happened after this prayer? (the rest of Moses’ life and thereafter)

After the aftermath: what happened *long* after Moses?

Application

Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. Moses accepts a hard truth about God and human death. What was it? See 90:7-12.
 - a. What is a hard truth that unbelievers want to avoid?
 - b. What is a hard truth that you want to avoid? How should you respond right now?
2. Moses asks God for wisdom to number our days. (90:12)
 - a. Let’s say we don’t have this wisdom – what would this foolishness look like? How would it negatively impact your life?
 - b. How can you number your days? What does that mean practically? Can you commit to a life change here?