

Prudent Students Of Our Days



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Psalm 90:9, 10&12

...We spend our years as a tale that is told.

*The days of our years are threescore years and ten;
and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,
yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon
cut off, and we fly away.*

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

The 90th number of Psalm is the oldest of all the Psalms. It was written by Moses while the children of Israel were still in the wilderness. Not only is it the oldest of the Psalms, it is also one of the most familiar number of the book. It is most often used on funeral occasions as a reminder of man's human frailty and the brevity of his existence. This 90th Number of Psalm emphasizes the fact that God always has been and always will be our refuge. Moses, through these scriptures, dramatically expresses the eternal resourcefulness of God. "**Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all**

generations." There has never been a time when we could not come to you oh God! **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth, and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.** Before there was a who, a when, or a where, you were! And even to this present moment You are! In verses 9&10 Moses makes it abundantly clear that our span of life, at best, is brief and filled with toil, trouble, and utter sinfulness.

It is in the light of these truths that Moses draws our attention to the scripture text and inspires the theme of our morning discourse **Prudent Students Of Our Days.** First let us look at the world as the class room of life. The Lord is our teacher; we are the pupils or prudent students and the subject of today's lesson is **OUR Days.** Some may ask what is meant by the use of the term "**Prudent**" as it is here applied. Well, one who is prudent is capable of exercising sound judgment in practical matters, especially as it concerns one's own interest. Prudent people are cautious and discreet in conduct. They live life circumspectly. They are careful,

wise managers of their time. For the benefit of those present, such as myself, the objective here is to emphasize the fact that though we may not now currently be, God wants us to become **Prudent Students Of Our Days!** And who better than the author and finisher of our faith, the Lord Himself, to teach us. So let us look first at our teacher to better understand his credentials to teach the subject matter.

1. He thoroughly understands the subject, "Our Days". There number he knows perfectly well for he has assigned one to each of us.
2. He is thoroughly acquainted with the pupils. He made us. He knows our circumstances, temperaments, aptitudes, or ineptitudes, as learners. He knows who wants to be the teachers pet. He knows who wants to be the trouble makers, He knows who are serious and he knows who the class clowns are.
3. He has great influence over the pupils. He influences our understanding, he directs our judgment, and works conviction in us.
4. What about the pupils?

1. We are frail men. You would think that we don't need to have it pointed out that we are weak. But some of us live as though we are indestructible and that we will live forever. The remarkable frailty of life and its unspeakable impotence is constantly proclaimed by:

- a. **The voice of history.** All the generations of the past have gone the way of dusty death.
- b. **The scenes and circumstance of life.** Crowded cemeteries, funeral processions, bereaved families. What part of "Man born of woman is of few days" don't you get?
- c. **Our experience. Infirmities, pains, diseases, announce our frailty.** And yet we still need God to teach us this lesson. The need indicates disorder in our moral judgment, disinclination to receive the fact of our frailty. Some are still in denial.

5 **The Lesson. To number our Days**

It is to take the measure of our days compared with the work to be performed, with the provision to be laid up for eternity, with preparation to be made for death, and with precaution to be taken against judgment.

It is to be able to estimate human life by the purpose to which it should be applied, by the eternity to which it must conduct and in which it shall at last be absorbed. Place your treasures on things eternal where moth and dust do not corrupt.

He numbers his days well who:

1. Mourns the ***time past*** which has been misspent.
2. Diligently uses ***time present***. "I must work the work of him who sent me while it is day"

3 Trust the ***time future*** entirely to God

"Take no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Matthew 6:34
"Give us this day our daily bread" Jesus taught us

to ask for provisions enough for today for tomorrow is not promised, but should the breath of life fill our lungs on the morrow, God will provide that days necessities.

6 The End. That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. This wisdom is not speculative, but practical. Not intelligent but moral. It is not the fashion of the day but the current state of the mind.

Everyday our Heavenly Father provides us with life lessons designed to help us get the most out of the life He give us. These lessons are not lessons on survival, but lessons on how to live and how to thrive. These lesson, if we are willing, will allow the word of God to be made flesh in us and we become living examples of His essence, I think Paul may have said it best "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Paul is telling us that as we apply our hearts to wisdom we should learn that this gift of life is not just a present, but it is a present that comes with responsibilities.

What are these responsibilities you ask? To let your life become a beacon of hope for others who will come after you. In other word, “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16