Time Flies

Psalm 90

I. The Brevity Of Life

Life is short, 1-2

A LORD

- B You have been our dwelling place
 - C In all generations
 - D Before the mountains
 - E Were brought forth
 - E' Or ever You had formed
 - D' The earth and the world
 - C' Even from everlasting to everlast.
- B' You are

A' GOD

Destruction (3)

Dust: pulverized. (Intensive) Another generation takes his place.

'Return' echoes Gn.3:19

In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you <u>return</u> to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall <u>return</u>

It flew! (4)

- 1000 years...like yesterday
- Like a watch in the night

'Time flies never to be recalled' - Virgil

Whoosh! (5-6)

- Flood... Mt.24:39
- Sleep... (v.4)
- Grass... Ps.129:6

We are endangered species

Before You (7-9)

- Like a sigh. Job 14:1
 I'll fly away (10)
- 70 / 80 years . . .

May boast of quantity, not necessarily quality, of life

Methuselah 2017-484 = 1533

Make the most of life (11-12a)

- Teach us to number our days...
 - Cannot number stars or sand
 - Can number our days: realize how few they are
 - -70 years: 365 days x 70 = 25,550

'Time flies. It's up to you to be the navigator.'

Do not procrastinate (12b)

- Ps.39:4, frail: transient; fleeting life
- Ps.39:5, handbreadth . . . vapor
 - -1 Sm.20:3, a step
 - -Ac.24:25
 - -Pr.27:1, boast about tomorrow?

I. The Brevity Of Life

II. The Bounty Of Life

1. God is our wisdom (12)

- Don't touch hot stove...
- Don't stick ice pick in electrical outlet
- Don't play in street
- AVOID SIN
 - Evil desires
 - Idolatry
 - Immorality
 - Trying God
 - Complain

Five blessings, 1 Co.10:1-4... answered with Five blemishes, 1 Co.10:5-10

- 1. God is our wisdom (12)
- 2. God is our hope (13)
- Roman catacomb inscriptions –

'Gordian, the courier from Gaul, strangled for the faith. Rests in peace'

- 1. God is our wisdom (12)
 - 2. God is our hope (13)
- 3. God is our stability (14-15)
 Worry usually distracts in two ways
- PAST. Isa.38:8

Rich man's money?

Scientist's knowledge?

Politician's power?

- FUTURE. Mt.6:34
 - Three burdens
 - Three rules

Phil.3:13

- 1. God is our wisdom (12)
 - 2. God is our hope (13)
- 3. God is our stability (14-15)
- 4. God is our success (16-17)

Your work (16) - Work of our hands (17)

- Beauty [favor] of LORD upon us
- Establish: give permanence
 - God's works are permanent; with His blessing, so are ours.
 - Mt.6:33
 - ■1 Co.4:2