“TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS”

**(Psalm 90: 8-12)**

**Introduction:**

1. Psalm 90:12
2. After contrasting God’s eternal and powerful nature with man, who is weak and transitory?

A. This is the Psalmists conclusion.

**Discussion:**

1. **“Teach Us.”**
   1. We should desire teaching from God’s Word. Many don’t today.
   2. (Acts 8:30-31) ***“So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading? And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.”*** 
      1. (1Peter 2:2) ***“as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”***
   3. Surveys indicate that only 11% of Americans read their Bible daily. We have a society who claims some belief in the Bible, but are basically ignorant of what it teaches.
2. **“To Number Our Days.”**
   1. He tells you to do what you cannot! We don’t know when we are going to die, so we don’t know how many days we have left!
   2. He means:
      1. Realize life passes rapidly (Ps. 90:5-6; 9-10; Job 14:1-2).
      2. Realize you can lose your life at any time (1Sam. 20:3) ***“Then David took an oath again, and said, "Your father certainly knows that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.' But truly, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death."***
      3. Death will come (Heb. 9:27) ***“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”*** 
         1. (Eccl. 9:5) ***“For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.”***
   3. Some act as if they are going to live forever!
   4. Live everyday as if it were your last and someday not only will you be right, but you will also be ready!
3. **“That We Gain a Heart of Wisdom.”**
   1. Live wisely.
      1. (Colossians 4:5) ***“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.”***
      2. (Eccl. 8:5) ***“He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful; And a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment,”***
      3. (Eph. 5:15-16) ***“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”***
   2. Time is precious and shouldn’t be wasted.
   3. We should view life as a whole, as if we were at the end of it and looking back. What would we change? Do that now and live wisely.
   4. To apply our hearts to wisdom is to realize that some things are more important than others – God, family, others, etc.
   5. “Many of us spend our lives chasing rainbows that even if we could catch them, would be worthless to us.”
      1. (Mat. 6:33) ***“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”***
   6. Don’t let the things that are urgent day by day crowd out the important things of life, or you may one day wake up and find you have wasted most of your life on trivialities.

**Conclusion:**

1. **(Eccl. 7:2) *“Better to go to the house of mourning Than to go to the house of feasting, For that is the end of all men; And the living will take it to heart.”*** 
   1. Going to a funeral can be beneficial. We may be caused to seriously consider our own death and then reflect upon how we are living.
2. **Are you living wisely?**