

Daily Devotion For June 3, 2022

"A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night." Psalm 90:4

This morning I will be officiating the graveside service for Setsuko Yamanishi's nephew Mark. I met Mark last year at the graveside service for his mother Grace. The most difficult services that I have to perform are for people that I don't know. From my understanding, Mark was in his early 40's when he passed away and had multiple health issues that he endured for some time.

At last night's bible study, we were looking at the death of Moses in Deuteronomy 34. Deuteronomy 34:7 says, ⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.

From the fountain of youth, humans have long been obsessed with finding a way to cheat death and achieve immortality. For most people, the solution to the problem of death is to just not think about it, to live life as if it will never end.

In Psalm 90, Moses provides us with wisdom to live well. This wisdom comes from reflecting on the contrast between humanity and God. Moses reflects on the eternity of God. God is literally older than the hills (v. 2). He is the creator. While a thousand years is enough time for about 40 generations of humans to live and die, for God it is merely "like a watch in the night" (v. 4).

Thought For Today: Psalm 90 reminds us that life is short and ends in death. Mark lived into his early 40's and Moses to 120. The children in Uvalde Texas were 10 and 11. However, the message of the gospel is that Jesus died on our behalf and if we trust in Him, we can be forgiven and have eternal life. Jesus promises, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:28).

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray for the family of Mark Yamanishi that they would know God's comfort at this difficult time. Pray also for Bob McIntyre who has just tested positive for Covid. Pray for those that he came in contact with not knowing Bob was positive. Deo Volente.