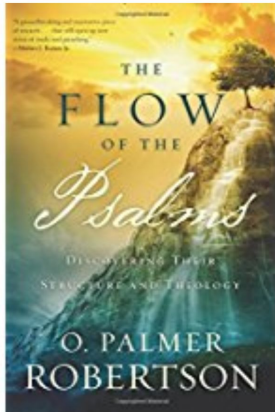


Psalm 90

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The Flow of the Psalms: Discovering Their Structure and Theology



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For a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it passes by,
Or as a watch in the night.

He follows the ancient five book subdivision of the psalter, where

Book I (Pss. 1-41) focuses upon the theme of confrontation,
Book II (Pss. 42-72) on communication,
Book III (Pss. 73-89) on devastation,
Book IV (Pss. 90-106) on maturation, and
Book V (Pss. 107-150) on consummation.

A quick examination of his comments shows that his arguments vary in strength and persuasiveness.

Psalm 90 (NASB)

Book 4

“A prayer of Moses the man of God.”

God's Eternity & Man's Transitoriness

Lord, **You** have been our **dwelling place** in all generations.

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מִן *mâ'ôwn*

an **abode**, of God (the Tabernacle or the Temple),

men (their **home**) or animals (their **lair**);

hence, a **retreat (asylum)**: den, habitation.

Refuge

Hiding place

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were born

Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

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Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

You turn man back into dust

And say, "Return, O children of men."





5

You have swept them away like a flood, they fall asleep;
In the morning they are like grass which sprouts anew.

6

In the morning it flourishes and sprouts anew;
Toward evening it fades and withers away.



7 For we have been consumed by Your anger
And by Your wrath we have been dismayed
[terrified].

8 You have placed our iniquities before You,
Our secret *sins* in the light of Your presence.

9 For all our days have declined in Your fury;

10 As for the days of our life, they contain seventy
years, Or if due to strength, eighty years,
Yet their pride is *but* labor and sorrow;
For soon it is gone and we fly away.

11 Who understands the power of Your anger

And Your fury, according to the fear that is due You?

12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may present to You a heart of
wisdom.

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And by Your wrath we have been dismayed
[terrified].

8 You have placed our iniquities before You,
Our secret *sins* in the light of Your presence.

9 For all our days have declined in Your fury;

We are the hollow men

Shape without form,

...

We are the stuffed men

shade without colour,

For Thine is the Kingdom

Leaning together

Paralysed force,

For Thine is

Headpiece filled with straw. Alas!

gesture without motion;

Life is

Those who have crossed

For Thine is the

Our dried voices, when

With direct eyes, to death's other Kingdom

This is the way the world ends

We whisper together

Remember us---if at all---not as lost

This is the way the world ends

Are quiet and meaningless

Violent souls, but only

This is the way the world ends

As wind in dry grass

As the hollow men

Or rats' feet over broken glass

The stuffed men.

Not with a bang but a whimper.

In our dry cellar

T.S. Eliot - The Hollow Men

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HOELSCHER

RUTH ANN

JULY 7, 1936
TO
OCT. 30, 1969

DANCING
IN
HEAVEN

WIEGMAN

TERESA ELIZABETH
AUGUST 18, 1957

TIMOTHY L.
JUNE 15, 1956

LAUGHING
WITH
JESUS

NO!

There is hope!

There is something we can do!

12 So teach us to number our days,

That we may present to You (gain) a heart
of wisdom.

13

Do return, O Lord; how long *will it be*?
And be sorry for Your servants.

14

O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness,
That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

15

Make us glad
according to the days (as many days as)
You have afflicted us,

And the years we have seen evil (trouble).

16

Let Your work appear to Your servants
And Your majesty to [upon] their children.

17

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;
And confirm for us the work of our hands;
Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

