

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Ps 90:14 - "Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, / That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!"

This end section in Psalm 90 is about what the substance of our lives should be about.

First, Moses prays for satisfaction. There was an old song with the line "I can't get no satisfaction" (please pardon the double negative, Mrs. Scouten). Satisfaction is something that everyone is looking for, but no one seems to have. So many people, and even those who call themselves Christians, are so dissatisfied. I wonder sometimes if the world around us sees anything different about us in how we handle things: politics, the riots, human rights, Covid, etc. Is there a satisfaction that just permeates us and affects others for Jesus, or are we dissatisfied just like the unsaved world around us? I'm afraid that many Christians, myself included, at times are so complaining that our salt has lost its saltiness and our light is being hid. No wonder the world isn't impacted by Jesus.

But Moses asks for satisfaction in a particular area: the LORD's mercy. That word, "mercy," is a very important word in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament. It is brought out often in the first five books of Moses, but also especially in the prophets. It is a word that means "covenant love; faithful love; loving loyalty; loyal lovingkindness; steadfast love." A covenant is an agreement or promise that is made and is supposed to be kept because of faithfulness to the promise. But this word not only has the idea of faithfulness, but also the idea of love in it. You can pick whatever two-word phrase you like the best to describe this term, but Moses is pleading with God to give us satisfaction with God's steadfast love. When was the last time you stopped and thought about the fact that God's love is steadfast for you? That God was loving you long before you were even thinking about loving Him? And that God could have "zapped" you numerous times, but because of His steadfast love for you, He hasn't. God loves us so much, that He sent His Son to die for us, and God loves us so much that He wants to develop us into the character of Jesus.

When God is made the substance of life, and we live in His covenant / promise-keeping / steadfast love, we can be joyful. Yes, God has discipline for sin (as mentioned earlier in this Psalm), but He also has steadfast love to make us sing in the midst of trials.

"All our days" are under God's wrath as mentioned earlier in the psalm. We have trials. But that is what we deserve for our rebellion against God. We are all heading toward death. The hourglass is there with the sands of time sinking, but we must not be morbid. We have this moment, and look forward to the Lord and all our tomorrows with Him. We should so know the mercies of God that each morning has us ringing out with joy. May God help us to do just that!

Praying for you today, my loved ones.