

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Ps 90:6 - "In the morning it flourishes and grows up / In the evening it is cut down and withers."

The thought of this "verse" is really begun in the preceding verse in the last line talking about grass.

First, let's talk about the verses in the Bible. I hope that we all know and understand that neither God nor His writers of the original manuscripts of the Bible put the chapter numbers and verse numbers in the Bible. Those chapters and verses were added a number of years later in order to make it easier to locate particular passages of Scripture. Trying to find a particular verse in Isaiah without chapter numbers or verse numbers by unrolling the scroll would be really difficult, right?! So, we can say that we appreciate those people who put a little bit of systematic approach to all of our books of the Bible. But the unfortunate thing is those individuals who put the chapters and verses in sometimes used some bad judgement on exactly where they put the beginning of a chapter or verse. For instance, 1 Corinthians 13 is known as "the love chapter," but really the last verse of chapter 12 should be with chapter 13. And here in Psalm 90, we have another illustration of a verse placement that wasn't very good in dividing the verses up. The last line of Psalm 90:5 should be with this verse: "In the morning, they are like the grass which grows up; / ..."

It seems as though grass is the freshest in the morning, and that perhaps it has grown a bit over night and even gotten greener sometimes because of the dew; it seems to be renewed by the morning. But, grass is constantly fading away, dying and being replenished. Our human lives are just like this: we are fading away, and our posterity is taking over.

Jesus uses an illustration about grass, though in Matthew 6:28-30. Jesus says that God the Father takes care and clothes the grass of the field; Jesus promises that He will provide and take care of our needs, too, because we are much more valuable than grass.

Loved ones, remember: our lives are brief like grass. But while we have life, the Lord promises to provide for and care for us, because we are much more valuable than grass.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.