

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Ps 90:4- "For a thousand years in Your sight / Are like yesterday when it is past, / and like a watch in the night."

There are many times in which "a thousand years" is mentioned in the Bible. Sometimes it refers to the coming time, we believe, in which Jesus Christ Himself will come physically and bodily to this earth and physically set up His kingdom and rule with a rod of iron for 1,000 years, and in which it will be a perfect environment in nature: the curse will be lifted. He will punish all sin deftly. We can really long for this day, can't we? We would say as John, "Even some return Lord Jesus!" From man's viewpoint, Jesus' return is a long way away, but not from God's.

But when 1,000 years is mentioned here, it is not talking about the 1,000 millennial reign of Jesus Christ. It's simply giving a comparison about man's limitations of time, and how God is completely timeless. Concerning 1,000 years, the USA is only 1/4 of that. It hardly been 1,000 years since William the Conqueror came to England and conquered.

1,000 years to God, Who is timeless and above time, is just like yesterday. It mentions that it is like "a watch in the night." There were three, four-hour night watches: 6 PM - 10 PM; 10 PM - 2 AM; 2 AM - 6 AM. If a person had the night watch, it might seem to go a really long time before they could get to bed; but it goes quickly, and 1,000 years go as quickly as a 4 hour night watch.

All this puts us in the context of time and eternity.

Ecclesiastes 3:14 says that "God has put eternity in our hearts." He has made us for eternity, but we are prisoners of time. He made us with a piece inside of us that only a God of eternity can fill. No other creature in all of creation is like that.

It's easy to get discouraged when time passes and things don't seem to get better in our circumstances. We wonder if God is doing anything. But God is always up to something, and you can count that God is always up to something good (Romans 8:28). Because He is eternal, we can depend on Him. He is our only stability in difficult times.

But these facts about God should also humble our human pride. It should give us confidence in our God Who works through time.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.