

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 90:5 - "You carry them away like a flood; / They are like a sleep. / In the morning they are like grass which grows up:"

God is telling man that God is eternal (timeless), but that man is temporary. He says that man dies and is swept away in time just like a floodwaters sweep things away. Time is just like a mighty, flooding stream bearing all the people in its path away.

Another illustration of the brevity of life is a dream in our sleep. We sleep and dream while we sleep, but there comes a time in which we can't sleep anymore and our dreams are forgotten. Sleep and dreams are here for a little while, but then forgotten.

Man lives like he is asleep to the reality of the brevity of life; we're insensitive to the reality of that life is fleeting. God wants to remind us of this very fact.

Loved ones, I remember when I was a child how I really thought that I would be dead by the time that I was thirty years of age; not only because of the childhood that I was experiencing, but also because age thirty seemed so very far away. Now I'm way passed thirty, and looking back it has gone so quickly. And from what I hear from people who have a couple of years on me, the rest of my life will fly by as well. The flooded stream of time is picking up momentum and will take us all away.

This reminds us of a very important fact: we must be ready to die. We really aren't ready to live until we actually are confident of what exactly we want written on our tombstone. And, as Pastor Alvis used to say, when it comes time to die, make sure that all you have to do is simply die - don't be putting off things, especially a relationship with the Lord.

We all are going to pass on unless the Lord returns. May we be ready and recognize that our lives are brief. Only one life; it will soon be passed; only what's done for Christ will last. May we live for something and someone that will last much longer than what our mere short lives account for.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.