

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 90:17 - "And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, / And establish the work of our hands for us; / Yes, establish the work of our hands."

This verse and the previous verse are magnificent prayers to pray to the Lord. We've mentioned before: God says that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. But how do we know if we are asking according to His will or not? If you pray His words back to Him, you can be sure that you are praying His will.

This great psalm ends with asking God for His delight (beauty) be upon us. May we delight to do God's will, and, as a result, find His delight in His people.

Because of God's grace and delight in our doing His will, we pray that God will establish the work of our hands. We actually can have lives of meaning, significance and value. He's telling us: "don't live in vain and don't labor in vain." It is possible for some people merely to exist: their heart beats, they eat food, they sleep, they even interact with some people from time to time, but their lives are merely existing and not really "living." Life is not in vain and labor is not in vain if I am doing God's will. God says in doing that, that our labor is not in vain (1 Co 15:58).

Let's put this final prayer with the theme of the whole psalm. Our days are number; so, make your work count to be effective and productive for God now. Labor and Live for what is going to last in life and eternity. This is the message of Ecclesiastes, too. Obviously, we'll only see the true results of it all when we reach Heaven, and it will be worth it all! We just need to make sure that we're doing His work, because that's the only what that our work will endure.

Jesus put it this way: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you" (Mat 6:33).

The fact that we are running out of time and that we are all going to die (unless the Lord returns) are unwelcome facts. But our short time and deaths can actually be worth something if our lives are based on Who is eternal. Generations ago, it seemed as though the people were more ready to face their own death day, because there were so many things that could cause death. Psalm 90 and 1 Corinthians 15 (the resurrection chapter) were often read at those burials. We are really ready to die, if we are ready to really live for God, not just merely exist. May God help us to really live for Him.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.