

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Ps 90:10 - "The days of our lives are seventy years; / And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, / Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; / for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

"Like sands through the hourglass... so are the days of our lives." Remember that beginning? Well, we're talking about the days of our lives today.

Life expectancy in the USA is up to 78 1/2 years; 25 years ago, it was 75 1/2 years. Human life today is more brief than Moses' life span; he lived to be 120 years old, and yet his natural vigor was not diminished (De 34:7). That was obviously God Who gave him that strength. But even in comparison with eternity, our lives are very short.

At Kadesh-Barnea, God said for His nation of Israel to go in and take the land of Canaan. But, the people said that "there are giants in the way," and that they will not do it. Then God said, "All right, everybody 20 years and older is going to die within the next 40 years except Joshua and Caleb." And that is exactly what happened for the next 40 years: the world's longest funeral march. They knew that they were going to die before getting to the Promised Land.

Brothers and sister, our lives have a certain end, and it is speedy. Looking back, it goes so quickly, doesn't it?

And then, because of the difficulties and troubles, life can be sad.

We get an old song from the last phrase here: "I'll fly away!" But until then, it's important to make our lives count for eternity while we are on earth.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.