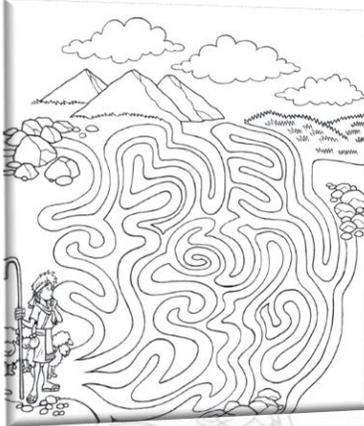


Theological Musings from Dave's Laptop

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Well, today's the day that I reach the allotted "three-score and ten." Like most life journey's, mine has had lots of twists and turns, ups and downs . . . and God has been Good to me!



I thank God once again for the congregations it has been my privilege to serve. I thank God for our two wonderful children, their wonderful mates, and their wonderful children.

And I thank God for my Sweet Jill, who continues to love me more than has ever been warranted.

Pastors think a lot about mortality and are quite familiar with death. So it is that I continue to remove beads and marbles from my "week jar," my "month jar," and my "year jar." There are fewer objects in each jar today than when this photo was taken, and the books

have all been sent to the Baptist Seminary in Kumasi, Ghana. The days move on . . . and God has been Good to me!

My life has been devoted to God's Word almost since I learned to read, and so I invite you to join me on a quick journey through the Psalter as a way to honor this day . . .

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### Psalm 5:11

*<sup>11</sup> But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.*

### Psalm 9:1-2

*<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>2</sup> I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.*

### Psalm 13:5-6

*<sup>5</sup> But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.  
<sup>6</sup> I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me.*

### Psalm 16:6

*<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.*

### Psalm 19:14

*<sup>14</sup> May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

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**Psalm 23:6**

*6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

**Psalm 25:4-5**

*4 Show me your ways, LORD, teach me  
your paths.*

*5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.*

**Psalm 42:1**

*1 As the deer pants for streams  
of water, so my soul pants for you,  
my God.*

**Psalm 57:10**

*10 For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.*

**Psalm 69:6**

*6 Lord, the LORD Almighty, may those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me;  
God of Israel, may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me.*

**Psalm 84:1-2**

*1 How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!*

*2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.*

**Psalm 89:1**

*1 I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.*

**Psalm 95:1-2**

*1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*

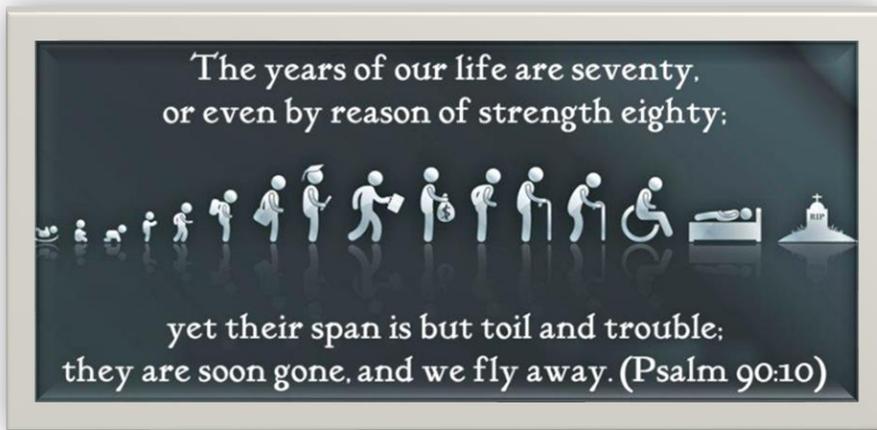
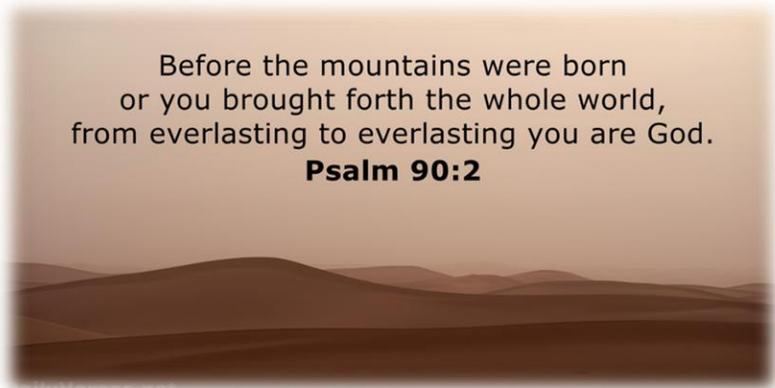
*2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*

**Psalm 103:13-16**

*13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear  
him; <sup>14</sup> for he knows how we  
are formed, he remembers  
that we are dust.*

*<sup>15</sup> The life of mortals is like  
grass, they flourish like a  
flower of the field;*

*<sup>16</sup> the wind blows over it  
and it is gone, and its place  
remembers it no more.*



**Psalm 108:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.  
<sup>4</sup> For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

**Psalm 116:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?  
<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

**Psalm 119:97**

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law!  
I meditate on it all day long.

**Psalm 119:105**

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path.

**Psalm 119:112**

<sup>112</sup> My heart is set on keeping your decrees  
to the very end.

**Psalm 125:2**

<sup>2</sup> As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds his people both  
now and forevermore.

**Psalm 126:3**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.

**Psalm 139:23-24**

<sup>23</sup> Search me, God, and know my heart; test  
me and know my anxious thoughts.  
<sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Psalm 145:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.  
<sup>4</sup> One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

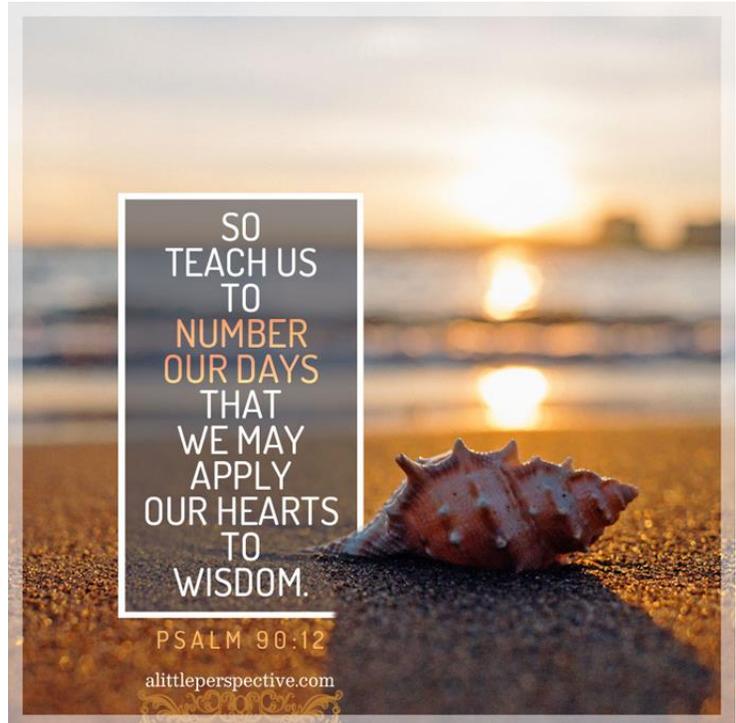
**Psalm 145:13**

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and  
your dominion endures through all generations.  
The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and  
faithful in all he does.

**Psalm 150:6**

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.  
Praise the LORD!

Amen, and Amen.



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