

## **10—Everlasting Life**

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### **INTRO:**

#### **I. → Psalms 90:1-12**

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
from generation to generation.*

*Before the mountains were born,  
or were formed the earth and the world,  
Even from **everlasting** to **everlasting**, you are God.*

*→ 3 You return man to the dust,  
and you say, "Return, you children of men."  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are as one day that has past,  
for it passes as a watch in the night.*

*→ 5 You carry them away as they sleep.  
In the morning they sprout like new grass.  
In the morning it sprouts and springs up,  
by evening, it is withered and dry . . .*

*→ 9 We bring our years to an end with a sigh.  
The days of our years are seventy,  
or eighty years if we are strong;  
and their fullness is but labor and sorrow,  
for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*

*→ 12 So teach us to number our days,  
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

- II. Heb (yasha) save
- Heb (natsal) rescue
- Heb (palat) deliver
- Heb (ezer) help
- Heb (chayah) make alive
- Heb (ga'al) redeem
- Heb (rapha) heal
- Heb (tahir) cleanse
- Heb (owlam) everlasting

## BODY:

### I. Resolving Fear

A. Death is the eventual destiny of all living things.

1) **Psalms 89:47-48**

*Remember how fleeting I am.*

*Why have you made all the sons of men in vain?*

*What man will live and not see death?*

*Will his soul escape from the hand of Sheol?*

2) **PLATO VS. THE BIBLE**

In Plato, eternity was an escape into timelessness

In the Bible eternity is endless time in both directions

Mankind is redeemed in time not from time

B. God entered into time and space to redeem mankind.

1) **Hebrews 2:14-15**

*Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death . . . and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their **fear of death**.*

2) "The statistics on death are quite impressive. One out of one people die."—George Bernard Shaw

3) "Pastor Mike and I are identical. We are both allergic to dogs, we both get hurt a lot, and we both go to church."—Hazel Diaz

### II. Rewarding Faithfulness

A. We will all give account for the kind of lives we lead.

1) **Daniel 12:1-3**

*But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to **everlasting life**, others to shame and everlasting contempt.*

- 2) Theology shift during the Hasmonean Period
- 3) **BRUCE ALMIGHTY—THE FILE CABINET**

B. Eternal life is something that begins in the present age.

1) **Mark 10:29-30**

*"No one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present **age** . . . and in the **age** to come **eternal life**."*

- 2) Grk (*chrónos*) space of time  
Grk (*kairós*) occasion, special time  
Grk (*aión*) an age, a world  
Grk (*aiónios*) perpetual, everlasting
- 3) **PUNCHING MY TICKET AT 10**

### **III. Reuniting Family**

A. We will always have more questions than answers.

1) **1 Corinthians 2:9**

*However, as it is written:*

*"No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared for those who love him."*

2) **IDEAS OF HEAVEN FROM THE VICTORIAN AGE**

B. But the surest promise of them all is togetherness.

1) **Genesis 25:8**

*Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was **gathered to his people**.*

2) **TALKING ABOUT ANTIE JEAN**

## OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

1 John 5:20

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us  
understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in  
him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and  
eternal life.

1 John 1:1-2

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we  
have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have  
touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life  
appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the  
eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

Titus 1:2

In the hope of **eternal life**, which God, who does not lie, promised  
before the **beginning of time**.

John 6:40

“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes  
in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

1 John 5:11-12

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in  
his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son  
of God does not have life.