

Christ Revealed in the Psalms
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God as Our Habitation, Our Eternal Dwelling Place—The Highest and
Fullest Experience of God

Psalm 90

1 O Lord, You have been **our dwelling place** in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, and before You gave birth to the earth and the world, indeed from eternity to eternity, You are God.

10 The days of our years are seventy years, or, if because of strength, eighty years; but their pride is labor and sorrow, for it is soon gone, and we fly away.

Psalms 91:1 He who **dwells** in the secret place of the Most High will **abide** in the shadow of the Almighty.

Deut. 33:27a The **God** of old is **your habitation**, and underneath are eternal arms.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make an abode with him**.

Scripture Reading: Psa. 90:3-4; 9-12; Col. 2:6-7; 3:3; 1 John 4:13,16; 3:24; Eph. 3:17a.

I. To take God as our habitation, our eternal dwelling place, is the highest and fullest experience of God—Psa. 90:1.

- A. In Psalm 90:1, Moses uttered these words, “Oh Lord, You have been our dwelling place/ In all generations.”
- B. According to Moses, the giver of the law and the writer of Psalm 90, we can also dwell in the eternal Triune God as our Lord—v. 1; 91:9; Deut. 33:27; cf. John 4:15-16; Rev. 21:22.
 - 1. Through out the Old Testament age there were many great men of God, however only Moses had such a profound realization; he could say that God is our habitation, our dwelling place—Deut. 33:27; Psa. 90:1.
 - 2. God is not our hotel, God is our dwelling place, our home.
- C. To dwell in God is to have our living in God, taking Him as our everything; this is deeper than eating and drinking Him—Col. 2:6; 3:3; 1 John 4:16.
 - 1. To dwell in God is not merely to rest in Him or to be satisfied by Him temporarily, it is to have our entire living in Him.
 - 2. This is surely deeper than eating and drinking Him; therefore, to dwell in God is the highest, deepest, and fullest experience of Him.
- D. If we take Christ as our dwelling place, we will realize that the span of our life on earth is brief and full of sins and afflictions—Psa. 90:10, 3-11.
 - 1. Moses had the realization that his human life was fragile, limited and temporal; anyone who takes God as his habitation will have the realization that human life is fragile and limited.
 - 2. To have God as our dwelling place is the surest thing in the universe; nothing else counts, or is reliable; everything is soon gone and even will quickly fly away.
- E. We need to dwell in God, living in Him every minute, for outside of Him there are sins and afflictions—v. 8; John 16:33; 1 Thess. 5:16-18.
- F. We should all have the testimony in our life that we are in God; a sign that we are abiding in the Lord is that we know God experientially in our daily life—1 John 2:6; 5:20.

Questions:

1. Why could Moses say that “**O Lord**, You have been **our dwelling place** in all generations”? What did he experience? (Deut. 9:9, 11; Exo. 34:28)
2. What does it mean to dwell in God? Give some personal experiences.
3. What is a sign of abiding in the Lord? What is the result of abiding in the Lord?

Hymn

1. Lord, I've set my heart; Lord, I just love You.
Beside You I have no other desire.
Lord, I just like to live You.

Lord, I love You because You love me.
I just like to live You,
And be under Your instant moment by moment leading.

2. On the entire earth, in the whole universe,
I have no int'rest or other desire:
My desire is only You.
3. Thank You, dearest Lord; You've predestinated me.
You've called me and saved me and, Lord, preserved me.
You have brought me, Lord, to this day.