

"NUMBERING OUR DAYS"**Introduction**

1. A Psalm of Moses – surely the earliest
2. He looks at life as it really is
3. These words are so necessary for us

1. WHY SHOULD WE NUMBER OUR DAYS?

- 1) To do this means: to remind ourselves often that we only have so much time to live:

- (i) five years as little children
- (ii) six in primary; six in secondary
- (iii) then perhaps ten to marriage, etc...

OBSERVE: We must live with our eye on the clock

ILLUSTRATION: a driver and his "clock"

- 2) How much time do we have?

- (i) the patriarchs had more time
- (ii) since Moses' day: 70-80 yrs at best

- 3) Does all this matter? Yes, because:

- (i) man's chief end is to glorify God
- (ii) after death is the judgement
- (iii) we cannot live twice

DOCTRINE: A wise man hates to waste his time.

APPLICATION: Are you numbering your days?

2. HOW DO WE NUMBER OUR DAYS?

- 1) By "applying our heart to wisdom"

- 2) This wisdom means looking at life aright:

- (i) realising who God is: v.1-2
- (ii) appreciating why we must die: v.3
- (iii) seeing the sad side of life: v.3-6

- (iv) appreciating that God is watching us: v.8

OBSERVE: How foolish to hide from God:

APPLICATION: Recall any sin you have ever done (swearing...). God sees + hears.

- 3) If this is so, it raises big questions:

- (i) Had I not better pray for mercy?
- (ii) Had I not better change the way I live in future?
Q. What is worse: a young fool or an old one?
It is obvious. The old fool – has learnt nothing, poor man!
- (iii) Do I want to end up an object of God's holy anger – or a saved sinner?

EXHORTATION: O sinner, apply your heart to this!

3. WHERE SHALL WE LOOK FOR WISDOM?

- 1) "Apply our hearts to wisdom". Where then do we go to get it?

ANSWER: To God, as here.

- 2) The Bible tells us that Christ is our wisdom:

- (i) only as we have faith shall we be wise
- (ii) only as we repent of our own foolishness shall we be wise

- 3) God's wisdom is shown in Christ's gospel:

- (i) there we learn the value of our soul
- (ii) there we learn what sin is
- (iii) and what death brings to the unsaved
- (iv) but also how Christ can save us
- (v) and that the foulest sinner may come
- (vi) and that God can make us holy
- (vii) and give us grace and glory

PSALM**103: 8 – 13****90: 10 – 13****90: 14 – 17**

- 4) **ILLUSTRATION:** Christ's parable of the pearl

The expert had seen many second-rate pearls – but now he found the perfect one!

APPLICATION: Have you found it yet?

CONCLUSION

This is why we read and read the Bible. It is the fountain of all wisdom!