

The Eternity of God, and Man's Frailty

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

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Lord, You have been our ^[a]dwelling place in all generations.

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Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever You ^[b]had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.

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You turn man to destruction,
And say, "Return, O children of men."

4

For a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it is past,
And *like* a watch in the night.

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You carry them away *like* a flood;
They are like a sleep.
In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up:

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In the morning it flourishes and grows up;
In the evening it is cut down and withers.

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For we have been consumed by Your anger,
And by Your wrath we are terrified.

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You have set our iniquities before You,
Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance.

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For all our days have passed away in Your wrath;
We finish our years like a sigh.

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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.

11

Who knows the power of Your anger?
For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath.

12

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

13

Return, O LORD!
How long?
And have compassion on Your servants.

14

Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

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Make us glad according to the days *in which* You have afflicted us,
The years *in which* we have seen evil.

16

Let Your work appear to Your servants,
And Your glory to their children.

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And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us,
And establish the work of our hands for us;
Yes, establish the work of our hands.