

KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023

From Everlasting to Everlasting

Psalm 90: 1-12

BIBLE LESSON: PSALM 90:1-12 MATT. 25:14-30

In this Psalm, the writer is reflecting on how quickly our human life passes, and remarking on the power of God who exists before, during and through time as we understand it.

The Psalmist is poetic as he points out the frailty of human life and speaks calmly acknowledging God's permanence.

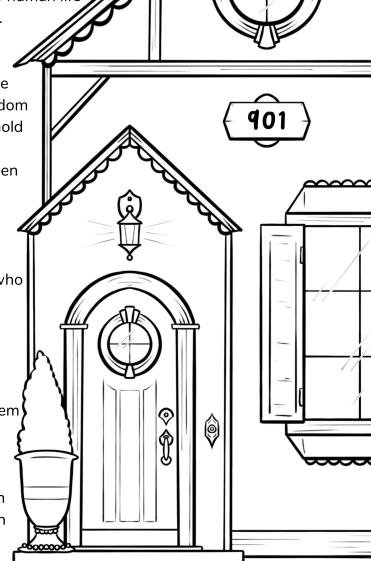
In verse 12 he asks for wisdom, and a better understanding of the short time we have on earth. The Concordia Study Bible says that the passages of Wisdom and Poetry are unique and challenging writings that hold important messages about God's orderly creation and living in harmony with that order. It's not surprising then that the Psalmist asks for "a heart of wisdom" amidst these verses that focus on human life.

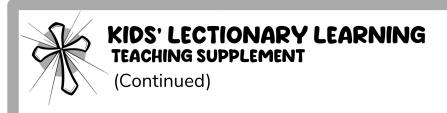
Thankfully our God is a personal God who will respond to our prayers with the intimacy of the One who created us and wants the best for us.

The Parable of the Talents Matthew 25: 14-30

This parable is about the many gifts God gives us while we are on earth, trusting that we will receive them with joy and put them to work for Him.

In the parable, the master gifted his servants with something called talents. Each talent would have been equal to at least a full day's wages and his expectation was that they would find a way to invest or put the money to work so that it would produce even more.







God provides us with everything we need, including but not limited to, the material goods we have here on earth. His desire is that we will share the gift of salvation by telling others about Jesus, and that we will also use our earthly gifts in His name.



Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in Heaven. Thank you for giving us the gift of Jesus for our salvation and for providing us with the things we need for daily living. Holy Spirit please help us to use our gifts to praise you! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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