

***From Everlasting to Everlasting, You are God***  
**Psalm 90:1-2**

INTRO:

Isaac Watts paraphrased the first two verses of **Psalm 90** in these words.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home!

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne,  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

**Psalm 90:1-2** says two things about our God.

***I. GOD IS OUR DWELLING PLACE (v. 1)***

***II. GOD'S ETERNITY (v. 2)***

***I. GOD IS OUR DWELLING PLACE (v. 1)***

**Psalm 90:1-2** ***“Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”***

A. More than likely, this psalm was written during the wilderness wanderings of the Children of Israel. So, we can readily see why Moses started his hymn with these words. The Israelites had no home. They lived in tents, temporary shelters, as they travel to a promised land. Moses wrote about the place where all God's people should dwell, in the Lord.

1. Moses spoke words like this when he blessed Israel in **Deuteronomy 33:27**.

***"The eternal God is your [dwelling], And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!'"***

2. Moses could have remembered Abraham and the patriarchs before him who also lived as nomads without a home. While they lived in tents, they dwelt in God. Remember how Paul put it on Mars Hill? ***"For in [God] we live and move and have our being," Acts 17:28.***

B. What does that mean? How can we dwell in God? Think about how we use this same terminology in everyday life. We talk about some folks and say they are "living in the past." Are we saying that they have a time machine in their basement and every day they enter it and go back to another time to live? No, we mean they are always thinking about the past. Their thoughts and decisions in the present are all tied to something that happened in the past.

1. In the same way, when we dwell in the Lord, we find ourselves thinking about Him and our thoughts and decisions are governed by Who He is and what He is like! Dwelling in Him is living a life centered on the Lord and His will for our lives. The Apostle Paul wrote in **Colossians 3:1-3**.

***"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."***

2. Several years ago I heard a story about a famous preacher. The person telling this story talked about walking into his study and seeing the hundreds of books that graced the shelves in his office. When he asked this preacher, which book do you like the best? He replied, *"Oh I visit all of these books from time to time, but I live in this one."* He picked up his worn Bible. If we are going to *"dwell in God,"* we must live in His Word.

C. What are the benefits of "dwelling in the LORD?" We could make quite a list if time permitted, but it doesn't. Let's let one suffice. **Psalm 91:1** says,

***"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."***

If we will make the LORD our dwelling place, we will see His shadow moving through our lives. We will be aware of His comfort and protection.

## **II. GOD'S ETERNITY (v. 2)**

A. Not only is the Lord our dwelling place in all generations, He is also the eternal God.

**v.2 "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."**

B. Can we grasp why this thought would be so precious to Moses at this moment in his life? Many around him are dying. An entire generation is passing off the scene. In the sea of change, Moses desperately needed an island of stability. That island of stability was God Himself. **"Before the Mountains were born"** Everything changes as we go through life. The creek that we played by is now covered by an apartment complex. The one time shiny new car is now rusty, banged up, and falling apart. Mountains appear to remain the same. Moses reached out and grasped the seemingly most unchanging things in creation and sung about the eternity of God in comparison to them.

**"Before you gave birth to the mountains, before you made the earth, even from eternity past to eternity future you are God".**

God you are eternal. You do not grow old. You do not diminish in strength or power. You are the same **"yesterday, today, and forever!"**

***What does this mean for us?***

It means that the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, David, Nehemiah, and Paul, is the same God who is there for us today! Our problem is not that God is too small, it is that we think He is too small. Beware of those who would tailor God to fit the whims of this present age. He is Who He has always been. He did not change between the Old Testament and the New Testament. He did not change between the Great Awakening and today! He is still God and He has lost none of His power!