

NUMBERING OUR DAYS

SCRIPTURE READING:

**“⁹For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.
¹⁰The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ¹¹Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.
¹²So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”**
(Psalm 90:9-12).

INTRODUCTION:

A. As we begin the New Year 2021, it is important for us to give serious consideration to the brevity of life. Psalm 90:12 states, “Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” “Number” means to count, number, set, weight or measure. Based on the term eternity, we live a brief time on earth. Therefore, we are to use our time wisely and make every day count for the Glory of God.

- **“⁴Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am. ⁵Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah**
(Ps 39:4-5).
- **“He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not”** (Job 14:2).

B. The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hand will stop, at late or early hour (Anonymous).

As we begin the New Year 2021, we will study three ways in which to “Number Our Days” – use our time wisely – for the Glory of God.

I. Start Right With God (Ps 63:1-2)

A. Claim God as Your God – “O God, You are my God” (Ps 63:1)

- 1. “My God”** – an intimate personal relationship; an abiding treasure when all else is gone.
- 2. “My God”** – recognizing God as the **E**ternal **O**ne, the **C**reator, the **R**edeemer and the **F**ather.

B. Spend time each and every day with God in prayer and Bible study. Time spent with God is never a waste. Time spent with God is always refreshing, valuable and rewarding.

- **“Prayer should be the Key of the day and the Lock at night”** (George Herbert).
- **“The Bible is meant to be Bread for daily use, not Cake for special occasions”** (Anonymous).
- **“A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn’t”** (Charles H. Spurgeon).

II. View Each Day As A Gift From God (Ps 31:15)

A. “My times are in thine hands” (Ps 31:15a)

- When we awake in the morning, we should thank God for the gift of another day.

B. We do not know the number of days, months and years we will live – this is only known by God, therefore, we cannot boast of tomorrow: Life is short and tomorrow is not promised to us.

- “Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth” (Prov 27:1).

- “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14).

1. The death of a love one, friend, co-worker or the obituaries in the newspaper reminds us of our mortality on this earth.

2. No matter how long we live, the day is coming when our lives will end. It may be by death or the rapture – either way our lives on earth will not continue forever.

a. Therefore, we are to live each day as if it is our last day on earth – **It Could Be!**

b. We must realize that we may only have today, make it count for the Lord.

C. Tomorrow is not promised to us – Our souls may be required of us – Our lives may be shorter than we think.

- “But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” (Luke 12:20).

- “The “certain rich man” (Luke 12:13-21) in this parable was earthly minded and gave no thought to treasure ... toward God.” Jesus informed this “certain rich man” this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided.”

- “¹⁹Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: ²⁰But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: ²¹For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matt 6:19-21).

- “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt 6:33).

D. Christians – warn the unsaved to accept Christ as Savior today – tomorrow may be too late – do not delay accepting Christ.

- “(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) – (2 Cor 6:2).

III. Take Advantage of Opportunities Today to “Number Our Days” (Heb 3:13)

Sometimes we do not get a second chance when we fail to act or miss an opportunity.

A. When Moses “smote the rock twice” instead of speaking to it, God refused to allow him to enter the Promised Land even though Moses begged God to change His mind (Num 20:7-12).

B. Moody – The Mistake of Not Giving An Invitation

D.L. Moody, the great evangelist, was preaching in Chicago on October 8, 1871. Before him was the largest congregation he had ever addressed in the city. He concluded his sermon with a blunder that he called the biggest mistake in his life, one he vowed he would give his right hand to take back. D.L. Moody gave the people a week to decide for Christ. That night the great Chicago fire broke out and many of the people who were there were killed. Moody said that was the last time he ever told anyone to postpone a decision for Christ. (Source unknown).

1. Be sure to witness to Unbelievers, as today just may be their last opportunity to be saved.

2. I Was Sinking Deep in Sin

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves.
He’s the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be — **Be saved today.**

CONCLUSION:

A. **Numbering Our Days:** (1) Start right with God, (2) View each day as a gift from God, and (3) Take advantage of opportunities to “Number Our Days.”

B. Since our future is unknown, it is important that we make that most of each day as it comes.

C. “I do not know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future” (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.).

o **God and God alone knows the future.**

D. **Numbering Our Days:** “Our life is like a book. Each day is a new page. Each night another page is turned. Eventually, there will come a day when we come to the final page. It won’t be marked “to be continued.” No, it will be marked, “**The End.**” On that day we will surely die” (Anonymous).

o **Are you prepared to meet God?** (Amos 4:12)

MEMORY VERSE:

“So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God” (Rom 14:12).

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“...the word of our God shall stand for ever (Isa 40:8).