

Sincere Love

Psalm 90



"Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts." Amos 5:15

What's wrong with only loving good? What's wrong with only hating evil?

What if God follows this verse?

What is shaping you as you enter to 2025?

Psalm 90

1-2:

God is limitless in time

3-6:

God limits our lives → the consequences of Adam's sin

Even the longest human life is tiny to God

7-10:

God's **good anger** is because of our sin

11-12:

God's wrath must be feared! A key error is to belittle it

Death should make us turn to God and bow to Him

13-17:

"Establish the work of our hands" is the opposite of futility

The Big Idea

To live wisely, we must know deeply

the **wrath of God AND the steadfast love of God**

God **hates sin** and what it does to people ... In Christians too!

God is compassionate and **committed to love** His people

Sometimes we fight God's wrath and limitations

We find peace and joy when we accept His limitations and discipline

when we fear God AND trust in His love

When sin is gone, we will freely live in God's ways without confinement

Where do you see God?

Entirely
Just

Entirely
Love

God is always entirely just AND entirely love at the same time!

Live in submission to God

Take seriously God's wrath

Recognize the goodness of His wrath

Flee from whatever would bring His anger

Know that He hates evil ESCPECIALLY in His people

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:10

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" Romans 8:1

"the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." Hebrews 12:6

"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." Exodus 34:6-7



“In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin.” Psalm 36:2

Hope in His love

For those who accept His discipline

Brings joy and gladness

“the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” Hebrews 12:6

“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’” Romans 8:15

In wisdom, accept our limitations

Then live wisely in them

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:15-16

The Year 2025

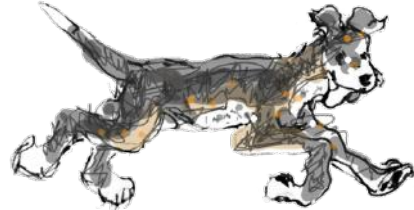
What shapes your expectations? How will you live?

Take most seriously God’s wrath

Hope and depend upon His love

Live wisely in submission to God

“Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.” Psalm 90:14



Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. What is shaping you as you enter 2025?
2. On the continuum between “Entirely Just” and “Entirely Love”, where do you tend to see God? Why?
3. In what way is God’s wrath against sin and evil a good thing?
4. What does it look like for you to take seriously God’s wrath?
5. What does it look like for you to put your hope in His steadfast love?
6. What does it look like for you to accept our limitations as from God?

Conversation starter

What is shaping you as you enter 2025? Why?