

Book Four**From Everlasting to Everlasting**

- ¹Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
in all gener- | ations.
- ²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.
- ³You return | man to dust*
and say, “Return, O chil- | dren of man!”
- ⁴For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when | it is past,*
or as a watch | in the night.
- ⁵You sweep them away as | with a flood;*
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
- ⁶in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;*
in the evening it fades and | withers.
- ⁷For we are brought to an end by your | anger;*
by your wrath we | are dismayed.
- ⁸You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,*
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.
- ⁹For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;*
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
- ¹⁰The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength | eighty;*
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we | fly away.
- ¹¹Who considers the power of your | anger,*
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?
- ¹²So teach us to number | our days*
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD! | How long?*

Have pity on your | servants!

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your | steadfast love,*
that we may rejoice and be glad | all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad for as many days as you have af- | flicted us,*
and for as many years as we have seen | evil.

¹⁶Let your work be shown to your | servants,*
and your glorious power to their | children.

¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands up- | on us;*
yes, establish the work | of our hands!

Reading

John 9:1–7

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

¹As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

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