LIFE - What I Must Learn:

- Fear God vs Fear Man v11 (Philosophy prof)
- Prepare for **Death** vs Retirement v12a (Richard)
- Study **Wisdom** vs Make it Up v12b Proverbs
- Ask God to Turn to me vs Man v13a
- Cry Out to God Emotionally vs Numb 13b



In a Pandemic, ONLY GOD CAN

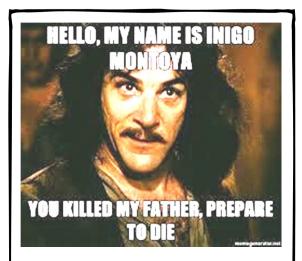
- SATISFY my Soul vs money, power, religion... v14a (El Cajon)
- LOVE me Faithfully vs spouse, family, church v14a
- Give me JOY vs music, food, travel, pot, liquor...
- Make me HAPPY vs entertainment, sports, fast cars...v15
- Bring **SIGNIFICANCE** in Life **vs** job, career, State v16a
- Leave a glorious LEGACY to children vs wills, RE v16b
- Commission our beautiful MISSION vs business, empire v17 (Moses)

HOW TO PLEASE GOD:

Hebrew PASSOVER LAMB (Exodus 12)
Messiah PASSOVER LAMB (John 1:27)



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GOD:

Holy & Eternal

MAN:

Frail & Sinful

LIFE:

Love & Mission

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Psalm 90

PREVIEW:

1-2 Because GOD is God; our home and everlasting creator

3-11 Because our lives (MAN) are: short, weak, sinful, judged and troubled

12-17 We must **LEARN**:

1) our brevity, 2) God's personal: wisdom, 3) prayer, 4) compassion, 5) faithfulness, 6) love, 7) work, 8) glory, 9) beauty & 10) battle

God = Wow! Me = Weak! Learn = Wisdom!



GOD is before all:

- * Time
- * Space
- * Matter

"In the beginning (TIME) God created the heavens (SPACE) and the earth (MATTER)." (Genesis 1:1)

(Or Atheism, Agnosticism, Idolatry)

Just for fun visit: www.death-clock.org

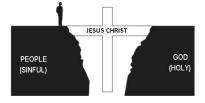
TWO OPTIONS

View myself & huMANity

as: v3 dust, dependent, v4 a day, a detail, v5 debris, a dream, v6,7 a dry, overwhelmed, little, trembling, scorched blade of cut grass, v8 under God's judgement for my secret sins and v9-11 troubled by the sorrowful shortness of my little life before the thrice holy wrath of the infinite God.

An American Option:

"I am! I am immortal! I can be like God! I will make history! You will remember my name! I'm a star! God likes me as I sin. I am not a sinner anyway! I'm improving! Besides, a just God will not judge my injustices! No! I will live in health, peace and prosperity until I'm 101 without God! I am love and wisdom. I don't need His, thank you very much!"



PSALM 90

A Prayer of Moses the man of God (NKJV)

Lord, You have been **our dwelling place** in all generations. **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**.

3 You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of MEN." 4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past. And like a watch in the night, 5 You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: 6 In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. 7 For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. 8 You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. 9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath: We finish our years like a sigh. 10 The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years. Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow: For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. 11 Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

we may gain a heart of wisdom. 13 Return, O Lord! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. 14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy (faithful love), That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! 15 Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil. 16 Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. 17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.