Psalm 39



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TOPICS: Eternal Life; Lament; Living in Christ; Transcendent God

LEAD-IN: Lord, make me to know my end

And what is the extent of my days; Let me know how transient I am.

Behold, You have made my days as handbreadths,

And my lifetime as nothing in Your sight; Surely every man at his best is a mere breath. Surely every man walks about as a phantom; Surely they make an uproar for nothing;

He amasses riches and does not know who will gather them.

And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You. (Psalm 39:4-7, (NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Reflection on Psalm 39

My life here is a single breath. I am a mist...a shadow...a sigh...a passing breeze. I live but a few inches in this vast universe.

My possessions then go to another or are discarded.

All my grand plans and pretentions come to nothing.

They are as powerless and passing as the breath in my nostrils.

I am a brief noise,

a minor disturbance, and then...silence.

But Almighty God,

You are the fountain of being itself.

You are all wisdom,

all knowing,

all power,

all perfection.

You are eternity.

You are life without boundaries,

without beginning or end.

And as I trust in You, our Lord,

I share in You and

all You are –

me, though I am less than nothing.

I share Your glory,

Your excellence,

Your life,

Your holiness.

Almighty Father, all my hope,

all my future is in You!

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