Our Fleeting Life and Everlasting Refuge

Psalm 90

Who was Moses?

Types or **shadows** of New Testament realities:

Adam

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Flood / Noah's Ark

“Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

“These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.”

Colossians 2:16-17

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Flood / Noah's Ark

Festivals and **Sabbath**



Psalm 90 - The Prayer of Moses

Verses 1-2

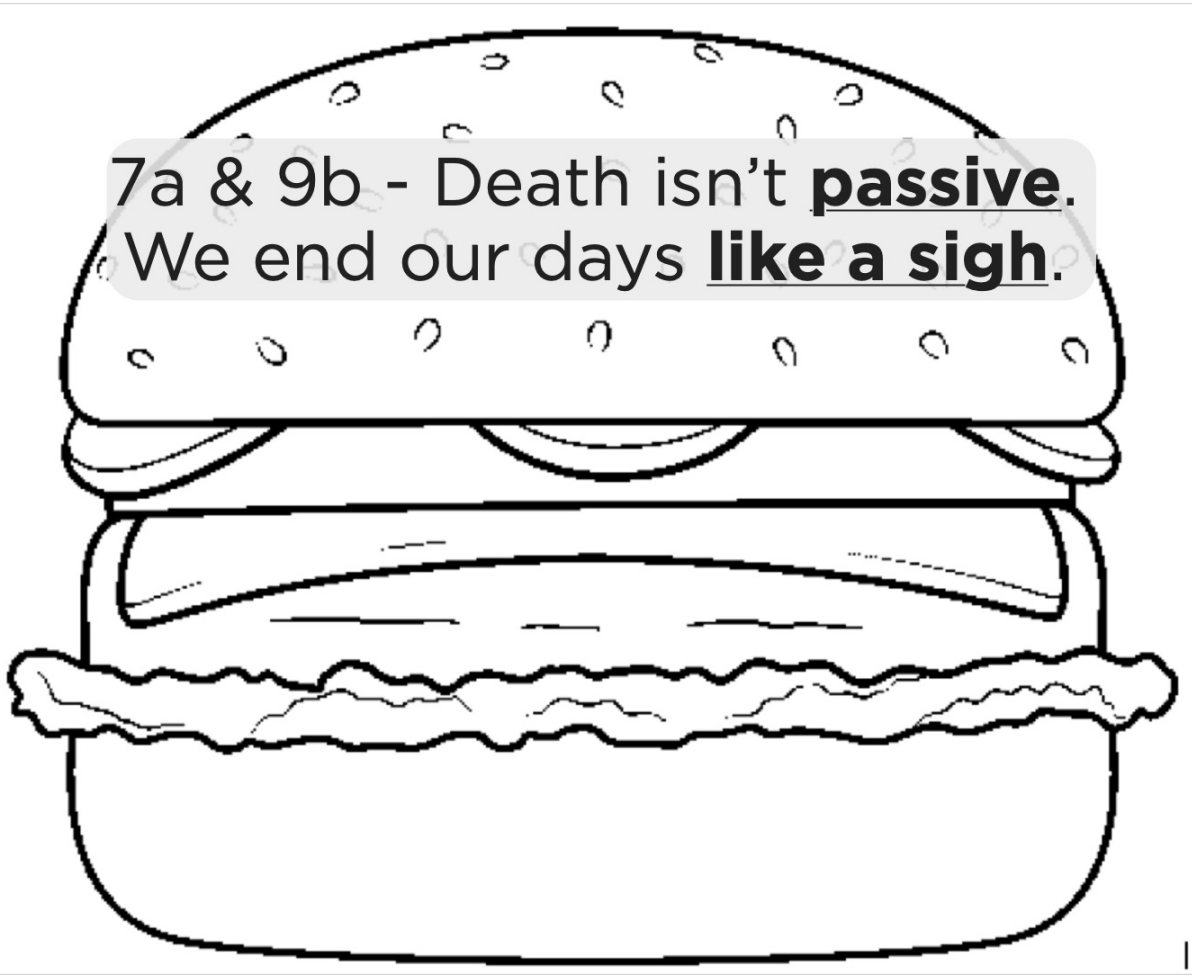
The everlasting God of creation is our **dwelling place**.

Verses 3-6

The **life** God has given us on earth is **fleeting**.

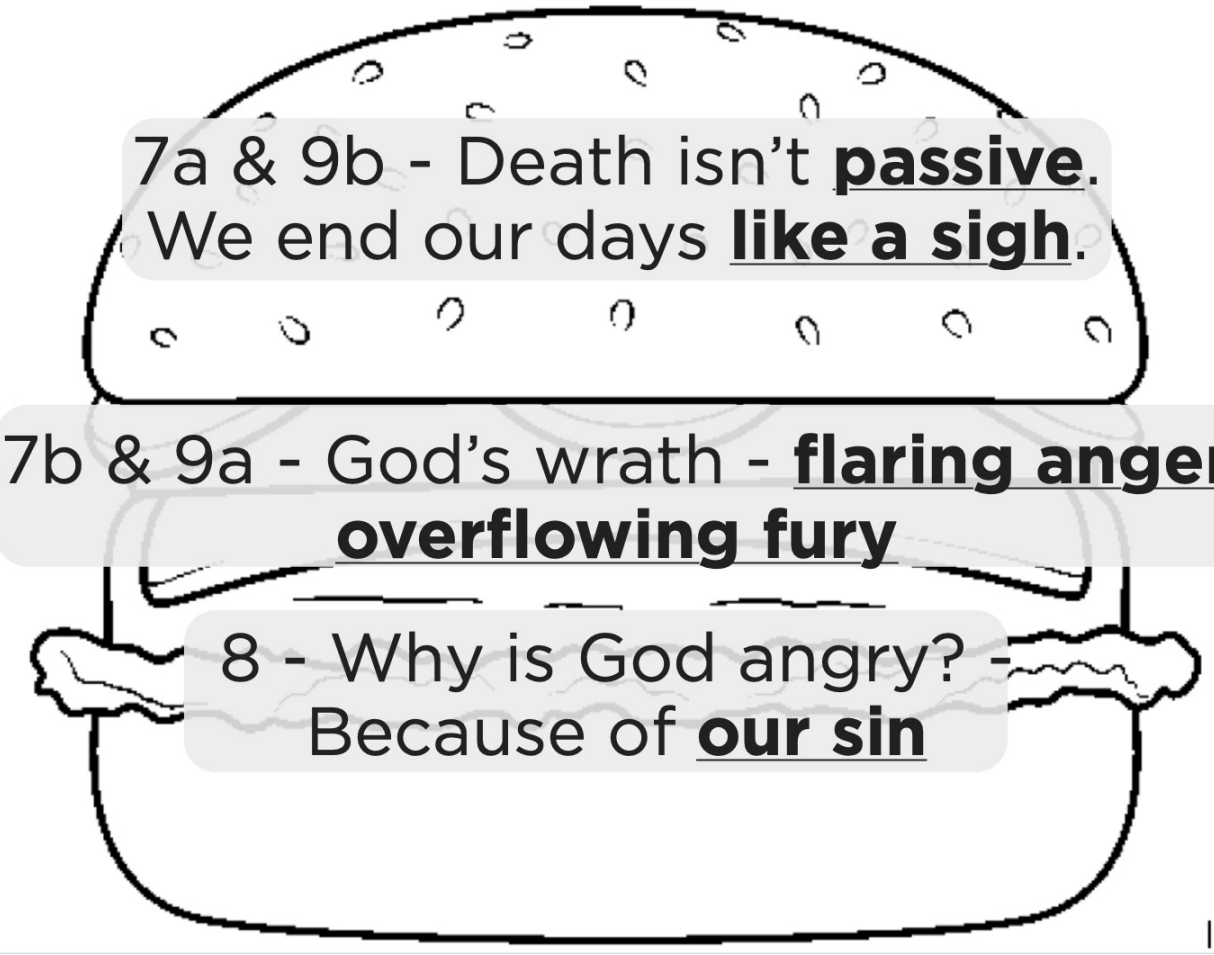
Verses 7-11

Why life is fleeting and **how it ends**


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8 - Why is God angry? -
Because of **our sin**

“In the end, that Face which is the delight or the terror of the universe, must be turned upon each of us.”

C.S. Lewis

“We need to be afraid of God before we can find comfort in the gospel.”

Martin Luther

Verses 12-17

Responding in **wisdom**

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” (12)

But what does this have to do with wisdom?

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.”

Proverbs 9:10

How do we respond? **We cry out for mercy**.

Yahweh - covenant name of God by which we know him as our God

hesed - steadfast love

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It is the covenant love of God that is wrapped up and entangled in the unbreakable promises he has made to his people.



“Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.” (15)

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us . . .”

Ephesians 3:20

“Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.” (16)

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” (12)

“establish the work of our hands” (17b)

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

"My Father is working until now, and I am working."

John 5:17b

"By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

"choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

"He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward."

Hebrews 11:24-26