

“Psalm 90-Moses Prayer
BFA Psalms Series
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This Poem of Moses seems to address the question raised in the previous Psalm 89, “Remember how short my time is; for what futility have You created all the children of men?” (Ps. 89:47)



Psalms are ordered into 5 books, which follow the natural order of the Torah...Book 1- Ps. 1-41, deal with creation, and are likened to Genesis, Book 2, 42-72 are like Exodus, Redemption, Book 3 Ps. 73-89 are like Leviticus Holiness,



Book 4, Ps. 90-106 are like Numbers. The theme is recalculate...Book 5 are the Psalms. 107-150 and are like Deuteronomy-



In order to understand this Psalm, let's quickly look at the human author, and let's recognize that his words have become a part of the entire word of God...all of which is inspired. (2 Tim. 3:16)



Moses lived his life in 3 – 40 year segments!
The first 40 years He was in Pharaoh's court
being taught the ways of the world! (Acts 7:23)



The 2nd 40 years was as He was in the Wilderness in Midian, an murderer who lived his life leading sheep (Acts 7:30)



The 3rd period of 40 years at start of his 80th year, Moses saw the 10 plagues and the delivery from Egypt, along with an additional 40 years of wandering in the Wilderness in the Sinai desert, leading these rebels in circles. (Acts 7:36)



Psalm 90 has 4 Main Sections

Section #1-God's Eternal quality v.1-4

1 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."

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Section #2-Man's View of Time

For a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it is past,

And like a watch in the night.

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.

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Section 3- Man's view of Sin

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.

12 So teach *us* to number our days,

That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

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Section #4-Man's View of Satisfaction v.13-17

13 Return, O LORD! How long?

And have compassion on Your servants.

14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
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.

“Part 1. Perhaps one of the most popular poems in our generation was written by Johnny Cash, called I walk the Line. The first few lines are typical of the direction of this contrasting poem-

I keep a close watch on this heart of mine

I keep my eyes wide open all the time

I keep the ends out for the ties that bind

Because you're mine, I walk the line

I find it very, very easy to be true

**I find myself alone when each day is
through**

Yes, I'll admit that I'm a fool for you

Because you're mine, I walk the line

As sure as night is dark and day is light

I keep you on my mind both day and night

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Types of Houses



House



Hut



Hotel



Building



Farmhouse



Barn



Dormitory



Log cabin



Lighthouse



Nursing home



Castle



“Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has made everything
beautiful in its time. Also
He has put eternity in their
hearts...

All homes designed to keep
us safe, warm, and
protected...so too is
God...He is our dwelling!

Psalms 90:3 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.

**Peter addresses this in his 2nd letter, chapter 3
verse 8** But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that
with the Lord one day is as **a thousand years**, and **a
thousand years** as one day.

“Part 3- God's Time and ours, what is it like ?

#1. It is like yesterday when it is past!



#2- Like a watch in the night (a shift on night duty)



#3- Like a flood...how is time like a flood? ...comes unexpected, unprepared, with a vengeance, faster than you think!



#3- Like a flood...how is Time like a flood? ...sometimes also comes with a rescue...but a a great cost, teamwork, personal sacrifice, and dirt! (Nepal)



#4- Like a sleep...how is time like a sleep? It comes at night, it comes when you retire, it comes others are also asleep....

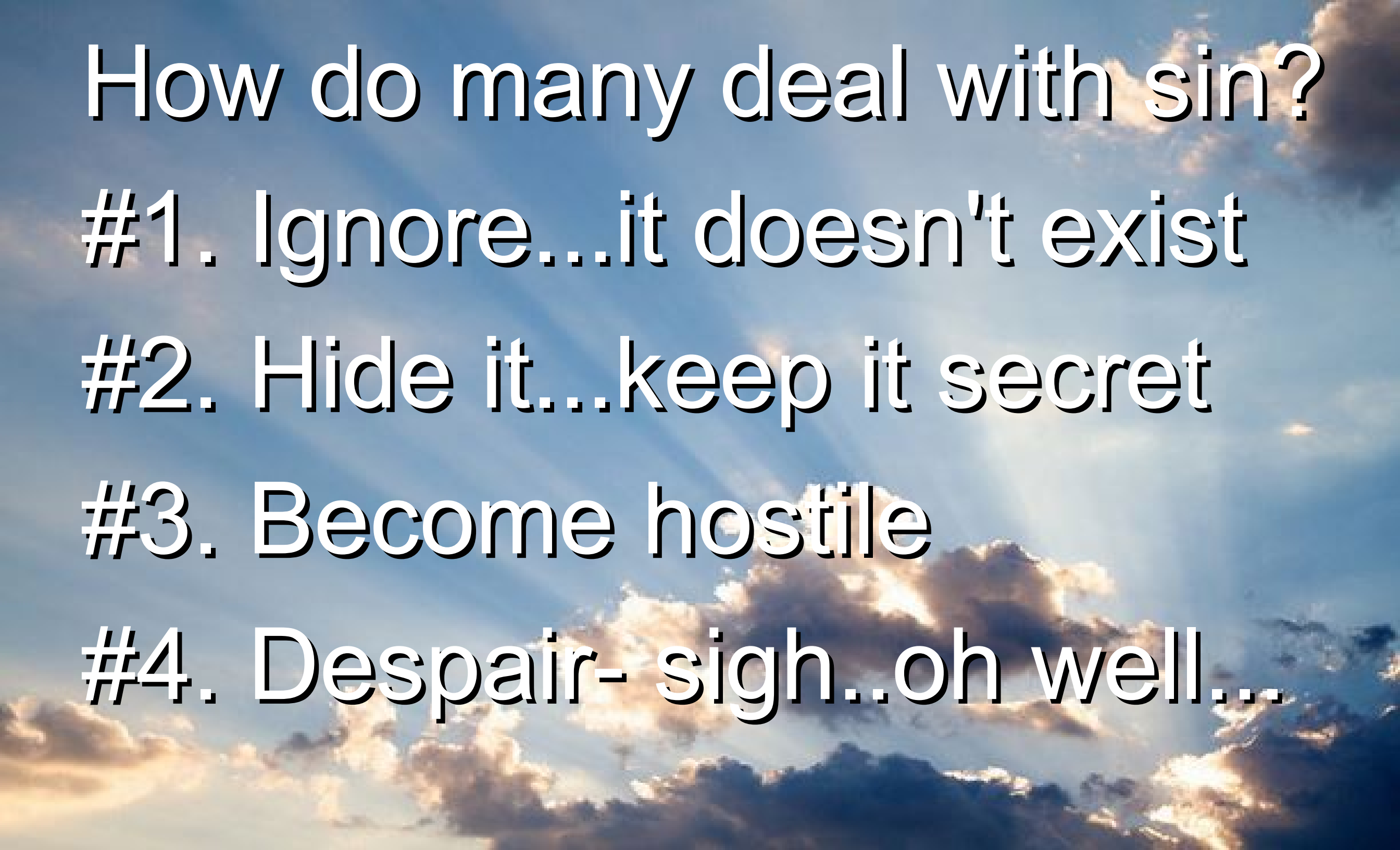


Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming- in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning ³⁶ lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. ³⁷ And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"
Mark 13:35-37



**Like is like grass which grows up:
in the morning it flourishes and
grows up; in the evening it is cut
down and withers.**





How do many deal with sin?

#1. Ignore...it doesn't exist

#2. Hide it...keep it secret

#3. Become hostile

#4. Despair- sigh..oh well...

Vrs.12 Teach us ... number our
Days!

70 years = 25,550 days

35 years = 12,750 days

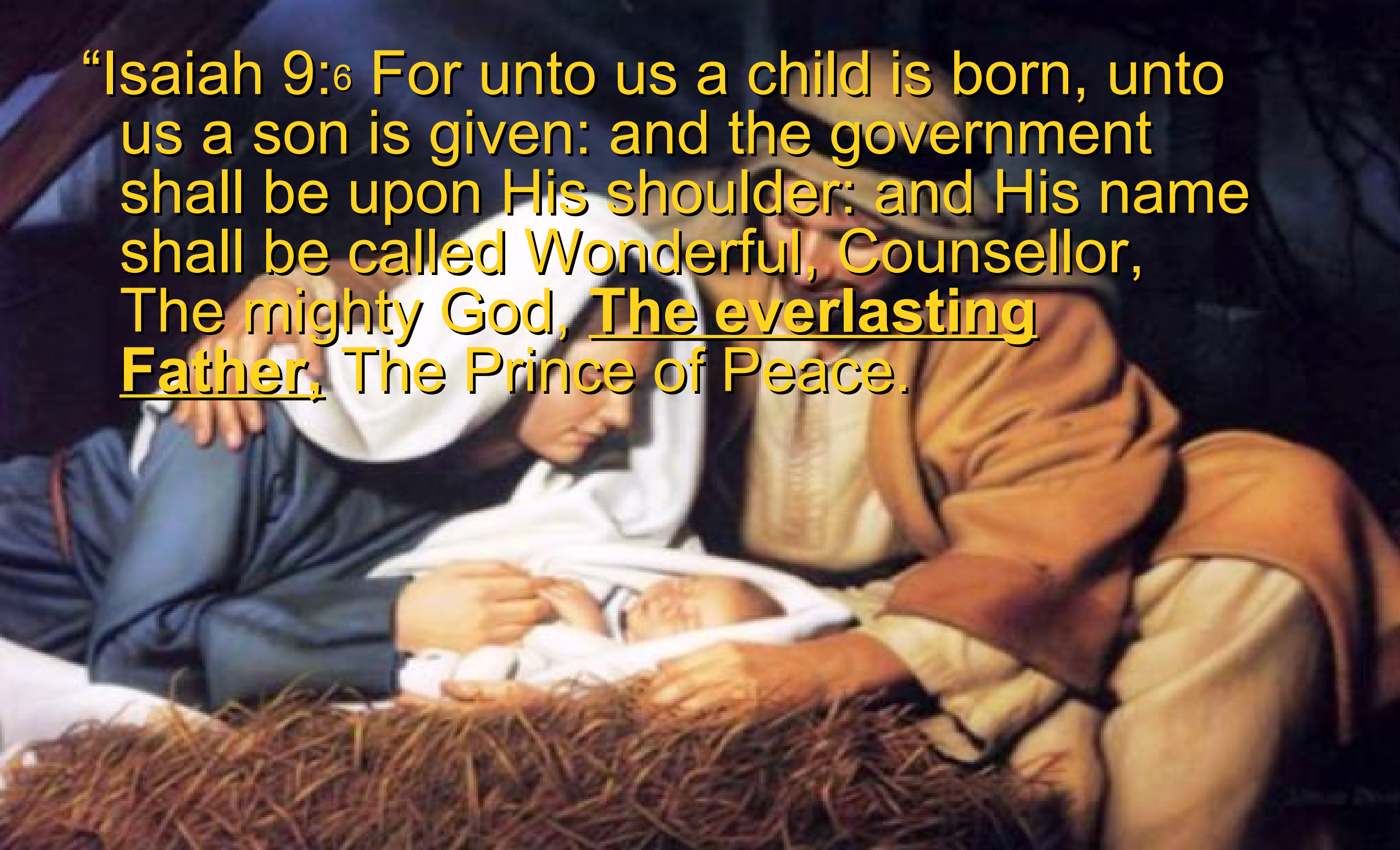
80 years = 29220 days

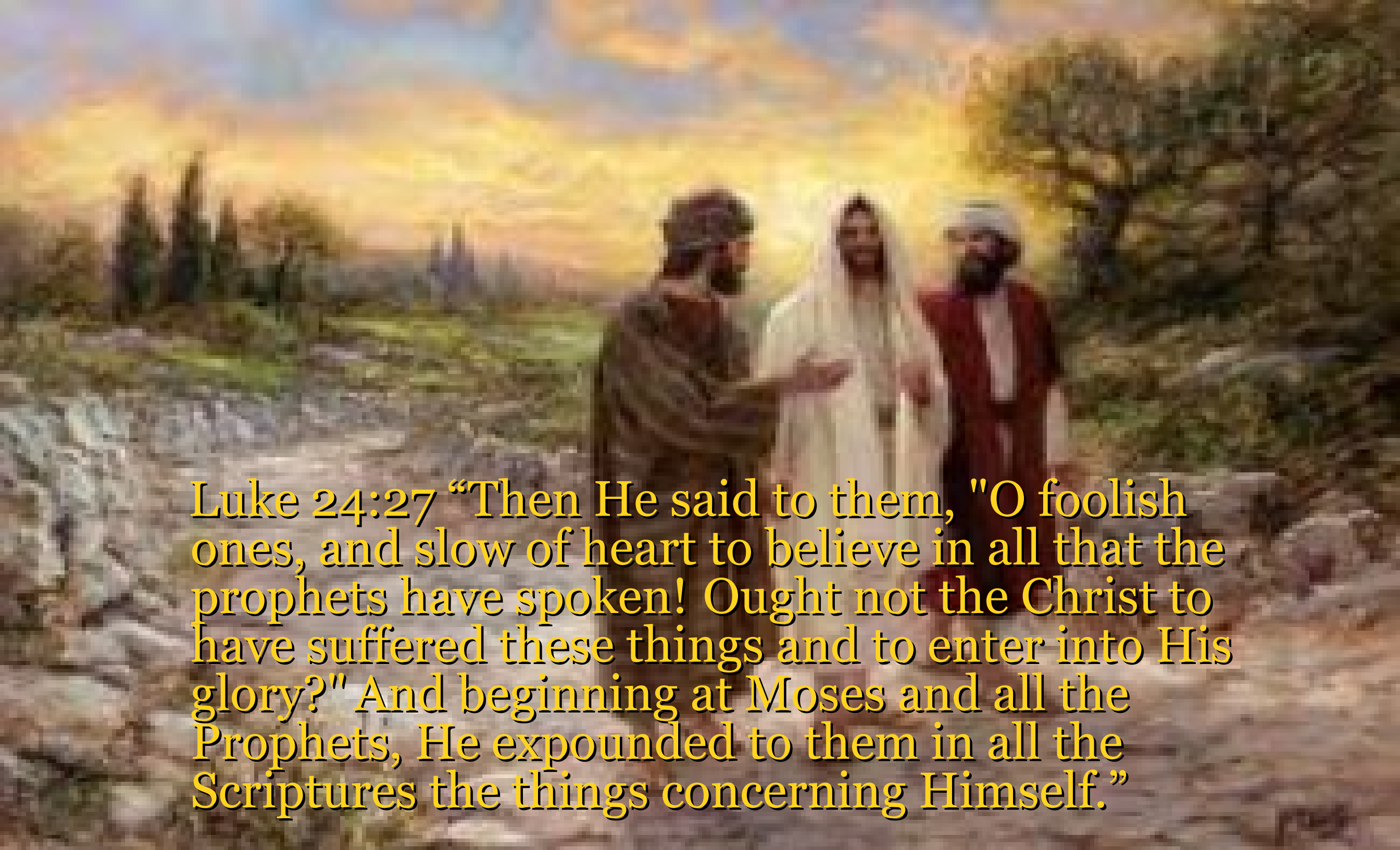
90 years = 32,873 days

100 years 36500 days

But you can start up the counting
again....How?

“Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.





Luke 24:27 “Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.”
(Col. 4:5)



“Return, O LORD! How long? and have compassion on Your servants. Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad in all our days. Make us glad according to the days You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil. Let your work appear to Your servants, 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.



Rev. 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

