Clips from Psalms
Psalms 109:8-11
Vengeance invoked upon Adversaries

"Let there be none to extend kindness unto him; Neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless children. Let his posterity be cut off; in the generation following let their name be blotted out. Let the sin of his fathers be remembered with Jehovah; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out."

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Life and Death

If you were asked to summarize your life to this point what would you say? Some may say that life has been very cruel. Others may say that life has been good. The elderly would have greater incite and thoughtfulness in answering such a question while the young may summarize their lives by a few words. It would be interesting to hear the assessments of life from both the young and old.

There are men in the Bible that gave interesting assessments to their lives. When Pharaoh of Egypt asked Jacob how old he was the patriarch answered, "9 The days of the years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty years: few and evil have been the days of the years of the life of my life, and they have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage" (Genesis 47:9). Jacob's assessment of his life was that there was much evil and suffering that happened over all those years. His life, from his perspective, was nothing more than a "pilgrimage" through one land and time to the next. Jacob considered his life as a trip that would take him to the heavenly gates of eternity. Before he arrived at heaven's gates; however, there was to be much
tribulation and sorrow of heart. The Apostle Paul traveled through Galatia establishing churches and teaching the brethren that they should “22 continue in the faith and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22).

Moses also gave an assessment of his life. The man of God writes, “8 You (God) have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. 9 For all our days are passed away in your wrath: we bring our years to an end as a sigh. 10 The days of our years are three score and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years; yet is their pride but labor and sorrow; for it is soon gone and we fly away” (Psalms 90:8-10). The true meek of this earth will relate to these great words of a humble assessment of life. We all live lives of trouble to some degree because of the secret sins we commit (Romans 3:23). As the years role by we may look back and only “sigh” at the terrible things we suffered in life because of our wickedness. We sigh because we are saddened by our life decisions. When this life of sorrows is over we fly away. We are gone from the earth never to return to this place of sin.

The best that we can all do now is to press forward in an effort to do better today than we did yesterday (Philippians 3:13-14). Our hearts are often broken because of sin and its consequences. We see our lives, the lives of our loved ones, and the world we live in suffer because of sin.

Troubles and sorrows await every new born child that comes into this world. Yes there will be times of laughter, joy, and a cheery heart. Yet the days of trouble and sorrow never depart for good. We can only wait for what is to inevitably come to us all so long as this earth continues to exist. Life, death, and great sorrows of heart mingled in with days of cheer. Enjoy the days of your life now while you are surrounded by loved ones. Above all keep your heart for out of it are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23). Hope will see us to our heavenly home!

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