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So teach us to num-
ber our days, that
we may apply our
hearts unto
wisdom.

Psalm 90:12

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God Talks to Us! We Just Have to Listen!

I had a birthday in December. Although at my age birthdays are not all that exciting, this one was kind of a milestone – it was my seventieth.

Feeling I'm not getting any younger, and maybe subconsciously feeling I needed a little inspiration, I decided to check for the day's devotional. I looked at a website I only occasionally visit – certainly not on a regular basis – www.cybersalt.org. The devotional for the day was based on Psalm 90, starting with verse 12:

“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”

The devo-
tional by Shirley
Choat began, “The
writer of this Psalm
suggests that living
beyond 70 is an exception to the rule.”
WHOA! STOP RIGHT THERE! What's
this about 70? I read on, “And no matter
what we are made of, our bodies will
eventually go the way of the quickly fading
flowers, the fleeting morning mists, and the
dissipating clouds. Even the longest life,
whether 118 or 123, eventually becomes
like a quickly passing yesterday before the
everlasting God (Psalm 90:4). The psalmist
wanted his readers to see how short our
time on earth is in contrast to the length of
eternity.”

“Well,” I thought. “She must have
just picked a nice number to make her point.
[After all, 70 is a nice number, don't you

think?] Surely that particular age is not
actually mentioned in Psalm 90, is it?” So I
checked. And it is there! Right in verse 10:

“As for the days of our life, they
contain seventy years, or if due to strength,
eighty years...For soon it is gone and we
fly away.”

WOW! What a coincidence! That
Psalm on that day! Coincidence, indeed! I
don't believe it was by accident that I was
led to read Psalm 90 on that particular day
in my life – a psalm
written by Moses and
the oldest of all the
150 Psalms. No, I
fully believe God
was talking to me!

The Psalm does
contrast the short,
transitory nature of
our lives to the
majesty and eternity
of God, and advises

us to use our time wisely, readying
ourselves for that eternity. Great advice
from the Top.

So, as we begin the New Year, let
us pray, in the name of our Savior Jesus
Christ, that, when God talks to us, we truly
listen and that we understand the enormous
power of the prayer of verse 12:

“SO TEACH US TO NUMBER
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THAT WE MAY APPLY OUR HEARTS
UNTO WISDOM.”

-Rex Roberts

