

“Through the Bible in a Year with Pastor Don and the FBC Family”
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- ✓ **1 Chronicles 28:1-29:2.** Supernatural direct revelation of the Temple plans.
- ✓ **2 Timothy 4:9-22.** Paul’s enemies and friends.
- ✓ **Psalms 90:1-17.** The eternity of God and man’s *brevissima* life.

COMMENTS:

1 Chronicles 28:1-29:2. Note David’s desire to build a House for the Lord, but the Lord prohibited it due to David being a man of war (28:2-3). David represented a violent era whereas Solomon’s reign was to be one of peace. Far from God being an intrinsically bloodthirsty God as atheists are fond of claiming, in the eyes of God the shedding of blood in war was incompatible with building a place of worship. On the plans of the Temple, just as God supernaturally revealed to Moses the plan of the tabernacle, He supernaturally revealed the details of the Temple to David: “All this,” said David, “the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans” (28:19). As far as how God revealed this to David, no one “on this side” of eternity knows. What an experience that must have been for David: for God to supernaturally infuse this blueprint into the mind of David. On a much higher level consider what it is going to be like when we see God “face-to-face” and see Him as He is (1 John 3:2). To see God “as He is” means more than some flash of glory or any spectacular phenomenon. It will be far greater than any abstraction that we experience when we are face to face with our friends and loved ones, as we abstract beyond the material phenomenon. I believe by a supernatural act of God, we will actually be given access into the inner being, the very mind of God. While we will never be able to take it all in, what we will see will be beyond anything we have ever experienced as we gaze *within* His glory. When we enjoy the face-to-face company of our loved ones, we never have direct access to their inner thoughts. Imagine what it would be like if you could read the loving thoughts directly. Some day we will have access to the glorious thoughts of the Lord and see directly His love for us and His boundless glorious thoughts.

2 Timothy 4:9-22. In this last section, Paul urged Timothy to join him in Rome. Paul did not know how much longer he would be alive. Paul’s desire for Timothy was intensified by the desertion of Demas due to love for the world (4:10). Demas deserted the apostle to embrace the safety, freedom, and prosperity of the world. I believe the single greatest threat to the believer’s spiritual life today is love for the world rather than love for the Lord. Believers are so busy with the world that they hardly have time for the Lord. I also believe that many are living in darkness, day by day, as their faith experiences attrition and with it a true and pure love for the Lord. As we have noted in Matthew 6, Jesus said one cannot love this world and love the Lord. The reason is simple: to love the world more than the Lord is to have a bad will and no one can have a bad will and possess capacity love the Lord. It is absolutely impossible! No one seeks evil (world) unless it is under the guise of being a good. Once one sees an evil as good and good as evil, which is what happens anytime temporal goods become more important than God as the Good, the will is no longer attracted to God as such, in fact it one moves into nolition.

Psalm 90:1-17. Note the eternity of God juxtaposed to man's transitoriness. No matter how old you are, before you know it your life will be over. Note the prudent advice in verse 12. Note the imploring of God for wisdom in counting the days. What is strange is that many people live as if they are going to be around on this earth forever—like they have all the time in the world to waste on fleeting things of this world—totally blind that they will lose it all someday and not have anything to show for it. It is not as if Christ did not warn us and the world: "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matt. 7:13-14). Narrow! Few! *Vita erat brevissima!* Quo Vadis?

Romans 11:36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

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