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4. Your life is like a blade of grass, that sprouts, fades, withers, and dies in a day. Moses was most qualified to speak of death, since he witnessed an entire generation perish in the wilderness. The third part of the psalm may be described as men who are condemned. (vvs. 7-10) Moses speaks here of the wilderness experience. Finally, he concludes with a petition (vv. 11-17) in which he asks the Lord that the Israelites might be given God's work to do one more time, that is, the work of taking the Promised Land. This is from my King James Study Bible, and I was really drawn to it particularly because Moses wrote it.

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"In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth."

"For we are consumed by thine anger, and by Thy wrath are we troubled." (terrified)

"Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the Light of Thy Countenance." "For all our days are past away in Thy wrath; we spend our years as a sigh that is told." "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away." "Who knoweth the power of thine anger?" "Even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath." "So, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." "Return, O Lord, how long?"

"And let it repent (pity in a favorable sense.) Thee concerning thy servant." "O satisfy us early with Thy mercy: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days." "Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil." "Let Thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children." "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." Amen.



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