

# **Ridin' High Cowboy Church**

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Have you ever pulled something out of an old barn and said, “What’s this?” and then someone tells you, and all of sudden it has purpose.

Men – has your wife ever thrown something away, like a small screw on a piece of tape, and it was the only one of its kind that holds something together and now you have to throw the whole thing away?

What just happened is the thing got a context. When you view things in the context of their PURPOSE, it changes everything.

Moses is going to tell us his perspective on how to view time, context is everything. Moses viewed time in the context of eternity, it was not about his 20 years as a prince or his 40 years as a shepherd or the 40 as a rock star leading the people, it was how that fits into eternity.

Time is the most valuable thing you have. We talk about time like money, spending time, wasting time, investing in time...we even try and buy more time, people spend a lifetime of savings to try and buy more time.

Moses wrote a Psalm...he was raised as an Egyptian, but as a teenager he realized he was different...he was a Hebrew. He saw that the Hebrews were mistreated and he killed an Egyptian who was mistreating a Hebrew.

And then, he ran away and for forty years he herded sheep, many would think the best years of his life doing nothing, no need for a watch (sun up, watch sheep, sun down, sleep with the sheep) same every day, no purpose, no God, just work and die. Then God appeared to him and gave him purpose for his days.

Anytime you meet someone who walked away from everything to do something significant...pay attention to that person.

***Psalm 90:1-12*** written in 1200 BC

***1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place through all generations.***

***2 Before the mountains were born or you brought for the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*** (Moses is saying the

only way to understand the purpose of your life is to see it not from birth to death, but from everlasting to everlasting with God in the middle) This is the first time a person wrote down the understanding that God had no beginning and no end.

Moses was raised to like the Egyptians to worship the Sun, they called it Rah.  
**3 You turn men back to dust saying, “Return to dust, O sons of men.”**  
**4 For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.** (watch 3 hours of night, 1,000-3 hours. If you live 70 years think about how fast that is to God.)

**5 You sweep men away in the sleep of death, they are like the new grass of the morning, 6 though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.**

His point is Life is short, we arrive late and leave early.

When we're young we think we are the point. Then we begin to ask the question Moses wants us to ask, “What is the point?” Cause we look around and see that people ;got to school, get a job, get married, have kids, work, retire, play golf/team rope, get sick and die.

We go to the barn and pull ourselves out and say, “What is this for?” – the answer is context – without ice blocks, the ice tongs have no purpose. IF we don't see that our lives are connected to the eternal God our life will have no purpose.

*Skip to verse 10...*

**10 The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow,** (even if you have a good life there will be some trouble and it will pass quickly)  
**For they quickly pass, and we fly away.**

That is Moses' description of a life without context and purpose.

Now Moses turns the corner and directs us in a new direction.

**11 Who knows the poser of your anger?** (implication: nobody knows)  
**For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.** (terrible sentence in English...if we could see God as he is, we would give him the honor he is due or if we could see God as he is we would give him 70 or 80 years is context of what he is doing but we can't see clearly who he is) Ancient people thought that if you look on God, your eyes would pop out and your skin would melt.

Remember, Moses saw a glimpse of God's glory and his skin was white and his face was glowing.

God created you on purpose for his purpose.

Apart from God's purposes, you are an 8 track tape, there is nothing to play you in...

If we could see God we would gladly give him our small life and know that it fits into the context of everlasting to everlasting. So Moses, what do we do? We all know people who live for themselves and we don't want to be that person.

Here's what he says in a prayer...

***12 Teach us*** (cause we can't do it on our own) ***to number our days aright,***  
(we all know how to number days, weddings? Babies? Retirement?)

***That we may gain a heart of wisdom*** (Moses is saying that we can't make decisions right unless we make them in the context of what God is up to in the backdrop of eternity.

As the right question

NOT what am I here for? WHO am I here for is the right question...

Moses left the comforts of Egypt because God's activity was with the Hebrew people.

Embrace the fact that God has given you years to live in order to accomplish his work that will go on for eternity.

Prayer:

God teach me to number my days that I might gain a heart of wisdom to fulfill your purpose for my life...