

## Sincere Love

**"Hate evil, love good;  
maintain justice in the courts."** Amos 5:15

- What's wrong with only **loving good**?
- What's wrong with only **hating evil**?

What if God follows this verse?

A new year is a good time  
to reflect on how we live

**What is shaping you  
as you enter to 2025?**



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Psalm 90

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## Psalm 90

A prayer of **Moses** the man of God.

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
- <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

God is limitless in time

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- <sup>3</sup> You turn people back to dust saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
- <sup>4</sup> A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning:
- <sup>6</sup> In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

God limits our lives → the consequences of Adam's sin  
Even the longest human life is tiny to God

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- <sup>7</sup> We are consumed by your anger  
and terrified by your indignation.
- <sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- <sup>9</sup> All our days pass away under your wrath  
we finish our years with a moan.
- <sup>10</sup> Our days may come to seventy years,  
or eighty, if our strength endures;  
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,  
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

God's **good anger** is because of our sin

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- <sup>11</sup> If only we knew the power of your anger!  
Your wrath is  
as great as the fear that is your due.
- <sup>12</sup> Teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

God's wrath must be feared!

A key error is to belittle it

Death should make us turn to God and bow to Him

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- 13 **Relent** Lord! How long will it be?  
Have **compassion** on your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us in the morning with **your unfailing love**,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
- 15 Make us glad  
for as many days **as you have afflicted us,**  
for as many years **as we have seen trouble.**
- 16 May your deeds be shown to your servants,  
**your splendor** to their children.
- 17 May **the favor of the Lord our God** rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us— **Opposite**  
yes, **establish the work of our hands.** **of futility**

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## The Big Idea

To live wisely, we must know deeply  
the wrath of God

**AND**

the steadfast love of God

God **hates sin** and what it does to people  
In Christians too!

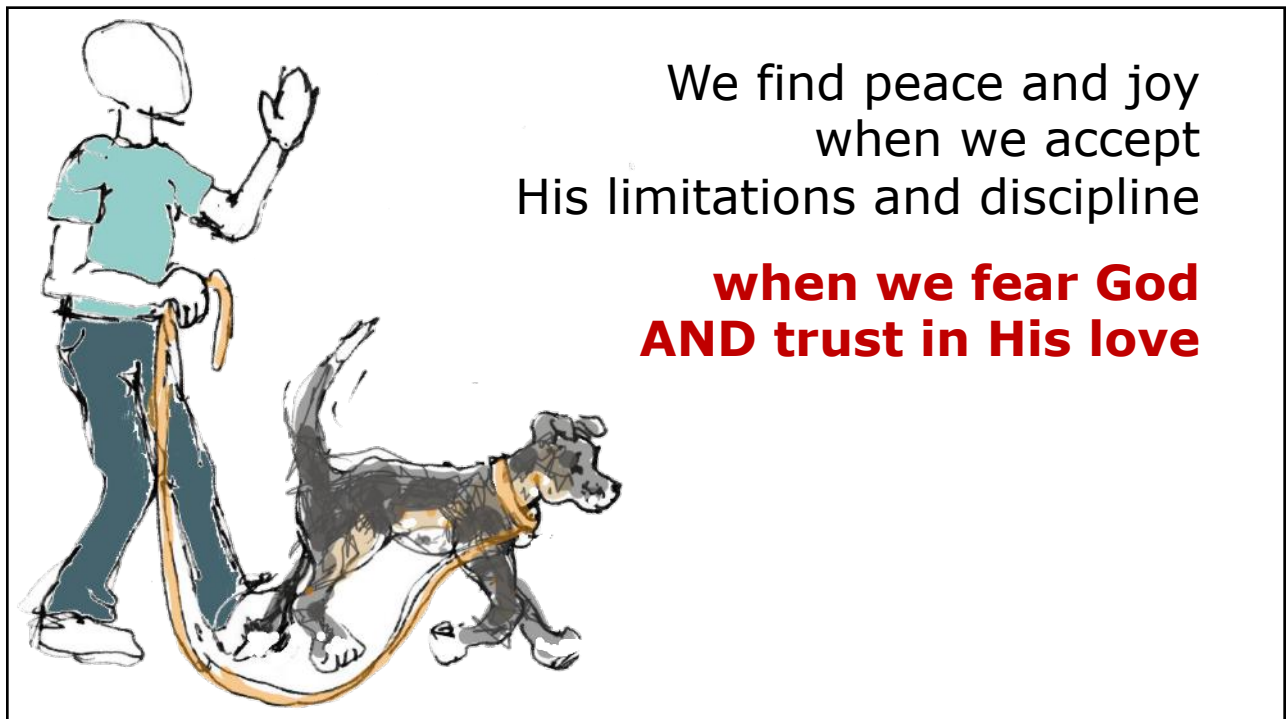
God is compassionate  
and **committed to love** His people

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Sometimes we fight God's  
wrath and limitations

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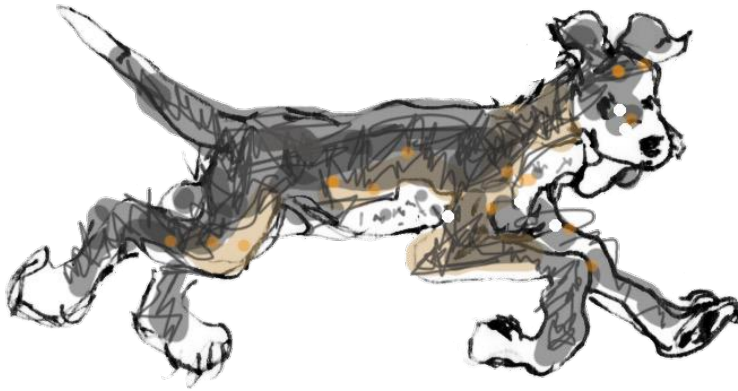


We find peace and joy  
when we accept  
His limitations and discipline

**when we fear God  
AND trust in His love**

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When sin is gone,  
we will freely live in God's ways  
without confinement



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## Application

Live in submission to God

➤ **Take seriously God's wrath**

- Recognize the goodness of His wrath
- Flee from whatever would bring His anger
- Know that He hates evil ESCPECIALLY in His people



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"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."  
2 Corinthians 5:10

"Therefore, there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus"  
Romans 8:1

"**the Lord disciplines** the one he loves, and **he chastens** everyone he accepts as his son."  
Hebrews 12:6

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The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. **Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished**; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

Exodus 34:6-7

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In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to **detect or hate their sin**

Psalms 36:2

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➤ **Hope in His love**

- For those who accept His discipline
- Brings joy and gladness



“the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” Hebrews 12:6

“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about **your adoption to sonship**. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’” Romans 8:15

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## Application

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- **In wisdom, accept our limitations**
- Then **live wisely** in them



“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, **making the most of every opportunity**, because the days are evil.”

Ephesians 5:15-16

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“Love must be sincere.  
Hate what is evil;  
cling to what is good.” Romans 12:9

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## The Year 2025

What shapes your expectations?  
How will you live?

- Take most seriously God's wrath
- Hope and depend upon His love
- Live wisely in submission to God

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## **The Year 2025**

“Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.”

Psalm 90:14