

JANUARY 7, 2018
SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

Thinking Long: A challenge for the New Year Ephesians 3:20-21

Scripture challenges us to think long!

Psalm 90:4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it passes by, Or as a watch in the night.

Psalm 100:5 For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all **generations**.

Matthew 22:35-40

1 Corinthians 13:1-3,8,13 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

⁸ Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away... ¹³ But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Exodus 34:6-7 ... "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; ⁷ who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

Matthew 1:17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

1 Chronicles 16:15 Remember His covenant forever, The word which He commanded to a **thousand** generations

Practical wisdom encourages us to think long!

Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

1 Peter 1:20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you.

Human motivation begs us to think long!

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