

Day 11 – January 22

ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

“May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.”
— Psalm 90:17 (NIV)

Psalm 90 ends with a humble and powerful prayer—that God's favour would rest on His people, and that He would make their efforts last. Written by Moses, this psalm contrasts the shortness of human life with the eternity of God. In that light, verse 17 becomes a cry for meaning and permanence—that what we do in our brief time on earth would matter in the eyes of the Eternal One.

To ask God to “establish the work of our hands” is to admit that our labor alone can't produce lasting fruit. Only when God blesses our efforts do they gain eternal value. His favor transforms ordinary work—teaching, creating, parenting, serving, leading—into something that carries His purpose and reflects His glory.

This verse invites us to begin each day by asking God's presence in what we do. When His favor rests on us, even small acts of faithfulness can ripple into eternity.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Do I invite God's favor into my daily work, or do I rely on my own strength?
How can I dedicate what I do—big or small—to His glory today?

PRAYER:

Lord, let Your favor rest on me today. Take the work of my hands — my efforts, my time, my service — and make them count for Your kingdom. Establish what I cannot, and let my life reflect Your lasting purpose. Amen.