

Of course they all were outspoken athiests in declaring there was no God, but yet they stood there, they sat there wondering what would happen. The man drew out his watch and said, If there's a God in the universe I give Him three minutes to strike me dead! There was a hush. Everyone was quiet. After 5 minutes they let out their breath, and gasped and said, "Well there's no God." But it is said that the next day as he was on his way to a meeting a little insect flew into his eye and he died in ~~agony~~ agony, within a couple of days. Somebody said, God didn't have to waste a thunderbolt to kill him! (Laughter)

In contrast to the power of God and His greatness think of the shortness of human life. Millions upon millions of people are born, reproduce and die, and disappear. Like the grass which the wind passes over and the place knows it no more.

How many generations have there been since the time of Noah? At least 100. Can you go back three of them in your knowledge of your ancestors? People are tremendously interested in knowing where they come from. What are their roots? Well, you had two parents. You had four grandparents whom you may or may not know or have know. You had great == eight great-grandparents and there are very few of us who have known more than one or two if any of our great-grandparents.

Your had eight great-grandparents in just three generations back out of at least 100. Out of those eight great-grandparents how many of them could you name? How many of them could you tell where they lived? When they were born? What their occupation was? Anything about their lives? Humanly speaking we'll all be the same. The wind passes over it and it is gone. The place thereof shall know it no more.

Apart from God what meaning do our lives have anyway? But what a contrast with human frailty is the picture the Scripture gives us of God. I'm just going to read a couple of verses from the 40th chapter of Isaiah typical of dozens of verses that might be read from Scripture. Ch. 40:18 (reading text) 40:22-24 (reading text) Verse 28 (reading text)

This is eternal life to know God. This is life that is worthwhile on this earth. to know God. How foolish to plan our lives. How foolish to think of the events of our days and to leave out of consideration the most important factor of all i.e. God's power, God's will, God's purposes. If our lives are to be what they should be we do not need simply to look forward and say I trust in years to come I will accomplish God's will. We can start right now and think how we can truly know God today. How can we live as if His presence ?

We're so conscious of other people when we are with them. But are we equally conscious of God?

After my first year in Seminary I went out to N. Mexico to a little mining town and there tried to build up a small chapel.