

Reflection on Psalm 71

*Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were born
Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. (Psalm 90:1-2, NASB)*

Sovereign God, You are
 without beginning and
 without end,
from everlasting to everlasting.
Unchanging fullness,
 unchanging perfection,
You will always be who You have always been:
 pure love forever overflowing,
 forever right and good and faithful,
 at peace in Your perfect well-being.

My brief life is
 framed in You and
 immersed in You.
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
You were there to deliver me at my birth.
You have been with me
 every day,
 every step,
 through every need and
 every moment of my life.

And now that I am aging,
now that I sense
 weakness and
 physical decay
 dogging my steps,
I am still immersed in You.
You still cradle me in Your arms,
 vulnerable and helpless as I am.
And You are still
 pure love,
 pure joy, and
 perfect peace.

Sickness or health,

now and every moment,
You are still
 my sure and certain hope,
 my deep, unfailing joy,
 my life,
 my strength,
 my Father, and
 my everlasting God.

Hymn: Psalm 71

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