

A pass through The Psalms: **Week 20: Psalm 49**

In most of the psalms we have the writer either praying to or praising God; in this psalm we have him _____ a very important message!

This Psalm has a threefold emphasis:

1. The first emphasis is on _____ worldly and materialistic people of their false sense of security.
2. The second emphasis is on _____ the world of their sin and their eternal fate separated from God.
3. The third emphasis is on _____ the godly as they consider their own death and the prosperity of the wicked.

#1 Cautioning worldly and materialistic people of their false sense of security!

Verses 1, 2, 6, 10-12, 14,

- The psalmist emphasizes the _____ of the caution. This warning is for everyone all over the world... for all time!
- The psalmist emphasizes the _____ of the caution. This warning is for all incomes, all ethnicities, all calibers of people.
- Everyone is under the need to hear this warning. No matter how low or high their income is and no matter how little or much they possess.

The 1st thing that the psalmist wants to warn the world about is a **confidence in** _____ & material goods.

The 2nd thing that the psalmist says is that **death is the great equalizer**. All people, everywhere, regardless of their wealth or status will die.

The 3rd thing that the psalmist says is that all people no matter what they may have amassed or achieved in this lifetime **will lose it all in the end**.

The 4th thing that the psalmist says is that this fate is not a casual matter for it is **forever** and **eternal**. Once death occurs it is _____.

Application:

1. We must be _____, and not put any confidence in our wealth, health, abilities, and successes in this life.
2. We must regularly _____ ourselves that one day we will die. We should write out our desired eulogy and live with the aim of fulfilling it.
3. We must live with the constant reminder that we will take none of our stuff with us. It can be so easy to amass and live for stuff. **Give something away today!**

Personal Notes:

#2 Convicting the world of their sin and their eternal fate separated from God.

Verses 7-9, 12-13, 18

- The psalmist wants to also _____ them that **death is a bad thing** because **they are at odds with God**.
- Death is not just oblivion without possessions. Death apart from redemption is pain & _____.
The pit: destruction, dungeon, pit, decay
- The Psalmist is trying to warn them that death is unavoidable but the pain of it can be **redeemed** or **ransomed** but not through their own meager efforts.
- The psalmist says that redemption (a good after life) is possible but not through the way that the lost are trying to find it. (*good deeds or paying off God etc.*)
- The psalmist says that the lost have a hard time understanding that they cannot redeem their eternal fate so easily because they have found success in all their other ventures.
- The psalmist says that even though they were considered wise and successful at earthly things, they are truly foolish because they have lived for things that perish and were unable to live well forever.

Application:

1. *We must continually remind ourselves that death will be a horrible, eternal punishment for the lost. And we need to _____ them.*
2. *We must continually remind ourselves that no one can redeem themselves from the punishment of sin by what they do or how much they have or give.*
3. *We must _____, like the psalmist, to our friends, neighbors, coworkers and lost families members. Look for anyway to paraphrase this psalm to them!*

#3 Comforting the godly as they consider their own death & the wicked's prosperity.

Verses 11-12, 14-17

- In the final section the Psalmist tries to encourage the godly. That they might feel a sense of _____ regarding their future and a sense of _____ regarding the success of the wicked.

First, the godly can be confident that God will redeem them from the pain of death. Therefore, they do not need to _____ death.

Second, the godly can be confident that their obedience to God (and lack of success on earth) will be _____ in eternity and they will rule over the disobedient.

Third, the godly person is to take this future hope to heart and not fret or _____ then when the wicked succeed, flourish and advance.

Application:

1. *We must not see death as our enemy. Death is the enemy for the unbeliever because it will remove them from all that they treasure. But for the believer it will give them an ultimate treasure.*
2. *We must _____ God for redeeming our life from the pain of death. We must thank him for the cross and the hope of an eternity free of punishment, pain and suffering.*
3. *We must not _____ or envy when the wicked thrive in wrong doing and we suffer in obedience. In the end it will all be made right. Live by faith in future grace.*

Personal Notes: