



YOU REALLY CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU
Psalm 49

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Good morning Church! Psalm 49 deals with the real thing about life - the certainty of death. One of its major lessons is that "you really can't take it with you". This wisdom poem contains very practical lessons about life and death.

Psalm 144. To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

*Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, **2** both low and high, rich and poor together! **3** My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. **4** I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre. **5** Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me, **6** those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? **7** Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, **8** for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, **9** that he should live on forever and never see the pit. **10** For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others. **11** Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names. **12** Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish. **13** This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. Selah **14** Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell. **15** But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. Selah **16** Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases. **17** For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him. **18** For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself— **19** his soul will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never again see light. **20** Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish."*

The Focus of this Psalm is ...

- The COMMON Experience of DEATH.

1. APPLYING God's Word Helps Us Give Real Life REFLECTION. (v 5-6)

2. EXPLAINING God's Word Helps Us Resolve Important REMINDERS. (v 7-15)

- Every PERSON and BEAST experiences death.
- The SELF-TRUSTING rich are unaware of their way that LEADS to death.
- The FAITHFUL one is redeemed by the only Redeemer, GOD Himself.

*“And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? **27** He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.” **Mark 12:26-27***

*“By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.” **Hebrews 11:5***

3. LIVING in God's Word Helps Us Rest in God's DEPENDENCY. (v 16-20)

*“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. **3** But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, **4** so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” **Matthew 6:2-4***

*“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”
Matthew 16:26*

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*