

## PSALM 49

**L**isten to this, take heed every tribe; broaden your ear, if on earth you abide.

- 2 Young and adult, noble and beggar; listen as one, as you all come together.
- 3 My mouth will utter, with wisdom each lesson; the thoughts of my heart, will show forth discretion.
- 4 I will stretch forth my ear, to each maxim and lay; solve every riddle, my harp I will play.
- 5 Why should I worry, when days turn to grief; with evil men hiding, in place as a thief?
- 6 Those who confide, in their power and wealth; increasing in riches, they boast in themselves.
- 7 For no man with ransom, can ransom his brother; nor give unto God, the price that will cover.
- 8 (For the soul's redemption, is costly and rare; vanished forever, straight into the air.)
- 9 That man should continue, to live without end; and not view corruption, or see the pit then.
- 10 He sees the wise perish, yes every one; stupid and foolish, leave wealth to their sons.
- 11 They think house and home, will to ages remain; calling their lands, by their very own names.
- 12 But man in his "dignity," will not abide; just as an animal, silent will lie.
- 13 Their pathway is foolish, their way is absurd; and yet all their children, are pleased with their words. (Pause)
- 14 As dead flocks in graves, and the upright prevail; their strength will decay, in the pit where they dwell.
- 15 My soul God will ransom, from hand of the grave; accept me and win me, (with power to save).
- 16 Never have fear, of men and their gain; nor houses of splendor, that they may attain.
- 17 For when each dies, they take nothing at all; their splendor goes not, in the grave where they fall.
- 18 Yes when he lived, his soul was called great; his hand was made happy, a pleasant estate.
- 19 But he will go to, where his fathers all lay; never no never, again to see day.
- 20 Man in his "dignity," has no insight; just as an animal, silent will lie.