

LESSONS FROM PSALMS FORTY-NINE

Scripture: Psalm 49:1-20

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Introduction:

- A. The human writer of this Psalm is not identified; but without doubt, he was one who had lived a long full life. ..one who had been endowed with much wisdom.
 - B. Life and death and how wisdom relates to them seem to be the primary thoughts the writer deals with.
 - C. These three thoughts are of primary importance to any people and any generation.
- I. LEARN THAT THIS WRITER HAS A MESSAGE FOR ALL PEOPLE. vs. 1-5
- A. His message is for all the inhabitants of the world—the low and the high, the rich and the poor. Together points out that the same message is for all. vs. 1, 2
 - B. His message shall speak of WISDOM... that which is wise to do.
 - C. His message shall come after meditations of the heart as he inclines his ear to God. v.4
 - D. His message has already given him freedom from fear for NOW and FOR ETERNITY. v.5
 - E. His message is one of wisdom and understanding concerning life and death.
- II. LEARN THAT WISDOM DICTATES THAT THE REDEMPTION OF THE SOUL OF MAN SHOULD CLAIM FIRST PLACE IN OUR APPEAL TO OTHERS. vs. 6-9, 15
- A. Nothing else really matters very much if a person has not been redeemed from the penalty of sin.
 - B. Verse 8 speaks of the redemption of the soul as being precious, and so it is. More than gold that perishes.
 - C. Verses 7 and 9 establish the need for a ransom to be given to God for the soul of man. They also point out the inability of any person to redeem himself or anyone else.
 - D. Verse 15 shouts the good news..God will redeem the soul.
 - 1. John 3:16
 - 2. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.
 - 3. There is none other Name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.
- III. LEARN THAT MAN IS MUCH MORE THAN BEAST, BUT MOST PEOPLE LIVE WITH NO MORE PLANNING THAN DO BEAST. vs.10-14, 17-19
- A. Most people live as though they shall live forever and then die leaving all wealth to others. vs. 10,11
 - B. Verse 12 points out that this exercises no more understanding than a beast that perishes.
 - C. Verse 13 points out that this attitude is perpetuated from generation to generation.
 - D. These die as a beast dies..no plans for future leaving all behind. v.14
- IV. LEARN THAT IT IS FAR BETTER TO MAKE GOD OUR LIFE THAN TO MAKE LIFE OUR GOD. v. 29
- A. To make life and living our God is to be terribly disappointed in this life and finally devastated in the eternity to follow.
 - B. To make God our life is to find deep fulfillment in this life and eternal happiness. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

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Conclusion:

- A. We generally think of all this referring to lost people and it does... BUT not to them only.
- B. What about saved people who **never** find time for God...**never** meet to worship with God's people...**never** find time to study God's Holy Bible...**never** think of the needs of those who are carrying the gospel message to the lost... **never** return the first 107 of God's blessings to God?

How would you characterize their lives? Like wise men or like the beast who live and die without planning?

LET US ALL PLAN OUR LIVES AND LIVE OUR LIVES WITH GOD AND ETERNITY IN VIEW.