

Evening Sermon Outline – January 19, 2020
“Stupid and Sons: Money Madness” Psalm 49

I. This Psalm is a Sermon Psalm, one we should aim to “hear” –

¹ 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, And the meditation of my heart *shall give* understanding. ⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will disclose my dark saying on the harp. Psalm 49:1–4 (NKJV)

1. Here is a call to everyone in the world to hear :1
2. Both high and low, rich and poor - :2
3. Wisdom is promised - :3-4

II. This Psalm is about times of moral madness, evil days –

⁵ Why should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the iniquity at my heels surrounds me? Psalm 49:5 (NKJV)

1. These are the days we live in today!
2. Yet, these are days we should still trust God!

III. Moral madness seems connected to money madness, trusting in wealth–

⁶ Those who trust in their wealth And boast in the multitude of their riches, Psalm 49:6 (NKJV)

Money cannot:

1. Redeem a brother / soul from death or Hell –

⁷ None of *them* can by any means redeem *his* brother, Nor give to God a ransom for him— ⁸ For the redemption of their souls *is* costly, And it shall cease forever— ⁹ That he should continue to live eternally, And not see the Pit. Psalm 49:7–9 (NKJV)

Verse 8.—“It ceaseth for ever.” That is, wealth for ever comes short of the power necessary to accomplish this. It has always been

insufficient; it always *will* be. There is no hope that it *ever* will be sufficient, that by any increase in the amount, or by any change in the conditions of the bargain, property or riches can avail for this. The whole matter is perfectly *hopeless* as to the power of wealth in saving one human being from the grave. It must always *fail* in saving a man from death. The word rendered *ceaseth*—כָּדַל, *khadal*, means *to leave off, to desist, to fail*. Gen. 11:8; Ex. 9:34; Isa. 2:22.—Albert Barnes.

¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Peter 1:18–19 (NKJV)

2. Money cannot be taken with you -

¹⁰ For he sees wise men die; likewise the fool and the senseless person perish, and leave their wealth to others. Psalm 49:10 (NKJV)

- A. Some are wise in their use and saving of money, others are not, but none take their money with them ...
- B. Jesus warns us –

³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? Mark 8:36–37 (NKJV)

Point is the pursuit of money can distract us from what is more important!

Money / Wealth does:

3. Deceive -

¹¹ Their inner thought *is that* their houses *will last* forever, Their dwelling places to all generations; They call *their* lands after their own names. Psalm 49:11 (NKJV)

- A. Our possessions *SEEM* to have an endurance, a lasting quality that is not real, they won't “last forever”
- B. They deceive us about ourselves – does a place named after someone add to their life? Does it mean they are better? Morally? Spiritually?

C. *This deceitfulness has the power to choke off the word -*

²² Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. Matthew 13:22 (NKJV)

This is why the call goes out to “hear” - :1-2

D. *The honor wealthy men receive is also deceptive, it does not keep men alive, maybe not even in memory –*

¹² Nevertheless man, *though* in honor, does not remain; He is like the beasts *that* perish. Psalm 49:12 (NKJV)

IV. *This is the way of the foolish and sons –*

¹³ This is the way of those who *are* foolish, And of their posterity who approve their sayings. Psalm 49:13 (NKJV) Selah

Foolish - כְּסֵל, כְּסֵל [kecel /keh·sel/] Stupidly self-confident

1. *They die –*

¹⁴ Like sheep they are laid in the grave; Death shall feed on them The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; And their beauty shall be consumed in the grave, far from their dwelling. Psalm 49:14 (NKJV)

A. *Death feeds on them, this is hinting at Hell –*

²⁴ “And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.” Isaiah 66:24 (NKJV)

- *Worms eat corrupt, dead things*
- *These worms continue eating forever*

2. *These are far from their dwelling, where they once had comfort, ease –*

²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ Luke 16:25–26 (NKJV)

3. *The upright have dominion – the morally right, those who concerned themselves with God’s law!*

V. *God’s man will be redeemed –*

¹⁵ But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, For He shall receive me. Psalm 49:15 (NKJV) Selah

1. *The power of the grave is the death, corruption, worms mentioned above!*
2. *God’s people are received by Him, they have a saving relationship with Him –*

²¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” Revelation 21:1–5 (NKJV)

3. *In light of our redemption we are taught –*

¹⁶ Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, When the glory of his house is increased; ¹⁷ For when he dies he shall carry nothing away; His glory shall not descend after him. ¹⁸ Though while he lives he blesses himself (For *men* will praise you when you do well for yourself), ¹⁹ He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They shall never see light. ²⁰ A man *who is* in honor, yet does not understand, Is like the beasts *that* perish. Psalm 49:16–20 (NKJV)

Not to fear when we see the ungodly get ahead - :16 Why?

- A. *He can carry nothing away - :17*
- B. *Not glory - :17 b*
- C. *Blesses himself, gains praise from others, but not God - :18*
- D. *Follows his own fathers, into darkness - :19*
- E. *Is like beasts - :20*

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