

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 49
A Psalm On Why the Righteous Need Not Fear Death

I. Structure

- A. 1-4. Introduction - This is a PSALM for our INSTRUCTION (Wisdom Psalm).
Not written to PRAISE GOD, but to INSTRUCT GOD's PEOPLE.

THE QUESTION: "Why Shouldn't I Fear?" (End of v. 4)

B. 5-12. **Because Riches Cannot Save the Wicked.**

1. No payment can purchase heaven. (7-8)
2. All will die (10)
3. Nothing can bring us back (11)
4. When we die, our glory fades away (12)

C. 13-20. **Because Only the Righteous Have Hope for Eternal Life**

1. God will purchase my life. (15)
2. God will take me to himself (15)
3. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will *fear no evil*" (Psalm 23:4)

II. Application for the Believer

- A. The Price for our redemption has been paid by Christ. 49:15a w/ 49:7-8

1. Gal 3:13
2. Eph 1:7, 14
3. 1 Peter 1:18
 - a. Lutroo - set free by paying a ransom

B. Our Eternal Home is in Heaven. 49:15b

1. (Philippians 3:20, NIV) "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,"
2. (Titus 1:2, NIV)
3. (Titus 3:4-7, NIV)

C. Knowing God is Better than Earthly Riches. 49:20

1. (Psalm 84:10, NIV) "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."