



PSALM 49

The Foolishness of Misplaced Trust

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Psalm Outline

A. Summons (vs. 1-4)

B. Difficulty Proposed (vs. 5-12)

C. Concluding Advise (vs. 13-20)

PSALM 49 - SUMMONS

Verse 1

TO WHOM:

All Nations
(in general)

TO DO WHAT:

1. Hear
2. Pay Attention

PSALM 49 - SUMMONS

Verse 2

Low & Poor



An inordinate
desire for riches

High & Rich



An inordinate
delight in riches

PSALM 49 – DIFFICULTY PROPOSED

Verse 6

Their Worldview

Trust

(What they believe in)



Wealth
Strength

Boast

(What they worship)



Riches

PSALM 49 – DIFFICULTY PROPOSED

Verse 7

It is NOT a **Denial** of their abusive power.

It is an **Exposure** of the worthlessness of all their boasting.

PSALM 49 – DIFFICULTY PROPOSED

Verse 10

Common Knowledge

1. Great Wealth

2. Great Intelligence

Neither one can
deliver you from
DEATH!

PSALM 49 – DIFFICULTY PROPOSED

Verse 11

Their Secret Thoughts

1. They are **the exception** to the rule.
2. They will **live on through their estates** in some way.

PSALM 49 – DIFFICULTY PROPOSED

Verse 12

Man in his Pomp:

“He Remains Not”

PSALM 49 – CONCLUDING ADVICE

Verse 14

The Two Readings:

1. Death shall **feed on them**.
2. Death shall **lead them on**.
(be their shepherd)

PSALM 49 – CONCLUDING ADVICE

Verse 14

A Contrast

Corruption



Wasting away
Dispossessing



The Foolish

Salvation



Redeems
Receives



The Upright

PSALM 49 – CONCLUDING ADVICE

Verse 15

“This psalm is **one of many** in the Old Testament that **express the confidence** of believers in **the continual, uninterrupted communion with God**, i.e., the strong belief in **eternal life with God.**”

Allen Ross, *A Commentary on the Psalms*,

PSALM 49 – CONCLUDING ADVICE

Verse 17

Nothing Goes With Him

Nothing Physical

No Friends
No Lands
No Cars

Nothing Personal

No Power
No Influence
No Authority

PSALM 49 – CONCLUDING ADVICE

Verse 20

Man in his Pomp:

“He Understands Not”