

Our Great Redeemer God

Psalm 49

***The peril of having riches v20
without understanding the Gospel***

1. A Message for the Whole of Humanity, vs 1-4

- ***an urgent message - listen! v1***
- ***a universal message vs1-2
for everyone***
- ***an understandable message vs3-4
a riddle made clear
and set to music for recalling***

2. Humanity's Dilemma, vs 5-14

no escape from death vs7-9

➤ *the fateful limitations of wealth v7-9*

*no payment is ever enough
to escape death*

➤ *the folly of trusting in wealth vs5-6*

it will ultimately fail us

hope must be centred on God

1 Tim 6.17-19

wealth is for sharing with others

Luke 12.15-21

Christ is the key to contentment

Phil 4.11-13; 1 Tim 6.6-12

➤ *the fleeting nature of wealth v10-14*

careful and careless both die v10

everything is left behind

death brings utter decay

Is a resurrection morning possible?

v14; Psalm 3.5; 16.8-11

3. God's Solution for Man's Dilemma

- *God alone can redeem us
and he will receive us v15*
- *He does so through Jesus
Mark 10.45; 1 Pet 1.18-21;
Gal 3.13; John 10.11,18;
Heb 12.2; John 17.24*

4. Profound Lessons to Learn, v16-19

- *Don't be star-struck by wealth v16
we take nothing with us at death*
- *Riches without understanding
is tragic*
 - ⇒ *money isn't everything*
 - ⇒ *money can't see us through*
 - ⇒ *money doesn't last forever*
 - ⇒ *where money fails ...*

God is all-sufficient
Mat 6.19-24; Heb 13.5