


Psalm 49

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.


D G D A



1. Lis - ten to me, all you peo - ples, all who in the whole world dwell. Low and
2. Why should I fear days of e - vil, when the wick - ed hem me in, those who
3. To re - deem a life is cost - ly: none suf - fi - cient price can pay so that

D G F#m G D


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high both rich and nec - dy, hear the mes - sage I will tell. I will
boast in their pos - ses - ions? By their trust in wealth they sin. There is
one should live im - mor - tal, free for ev - er from de - cay. For we

F#m Bm F#m A


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speak with un - der - stan - ding; wis - dom from the heart I'll preach. I will
no one who is ab - le to re - deem a soul from death; none can
all can see life en - ding; wise and fool - ish, all will die. They must

D G F#m G D

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lis - ten to a prov - erb; se - crets with the harp I'll teach.
pay to God the ran - som to pro - long a - noth - er's breath.
leave their wealth to oth - ers; none can death's de - mand de - fy.

4. So for endless generations
in their tombs they will remain,
Though they owned, while they were living,
lands to which they gave their name.
Man despite his wealth is mortal;
like the beasts, he fades away.
Thus the self-assured will perish,
though renowned for what they say.

5. Do not quake before a rich man,
though his fortune grows immense,
Though his outward state increases—
yet he will take nothing hence.
He will soon descend with nothing
of the splendour he possessed,
Though in life he prospered greatly
and they told him he was blessed.

6. He will go to join his fathers—
never see the light of day.
Those with wealth and no discernment
are like beasts that pass away.
But the upright ones will rule them,
once the morning light has shone.
From the grave God will redeem me;
he will take me for his own.