



Psalms for Life

Sermon: The Ransom has been Paid - Psalm 49

Daily Reading: Psalms 43-49

Memory Verse:

"Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, but God will ransom my soul."

Psalm 49:7, 15

Ransom - a sum of money or other payment demanded or paid for the release of a prisoner.

"Jesus said, For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

1. Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!!

[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; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

[4] I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.

[5] Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,

[6] those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

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2. The Lord is Patient Toward You Not Wanting You to Perish

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

2 Peter 3:9

[7] Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,

[8] for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice,

[9] that he should live on forever and never see the pit.

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3. No One Can Purchase His Own Ransom

[10] For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others.

[11] Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names.

[12] Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.

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4. The Foolish and the Stupid Must Perish . . . Don't Be Counted Among Them

[13] This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. Selah

[14] Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.

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5. Jesus Paid It All

[15] But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. Selah

[16] Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases.

[17] For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him. (What glory we give to the Lord, even our prayers go up to heaven - What glory we gain for ourselves here on earth will not follow us to Sheol, it will not go down after us!)

[18] For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—

[19] his soul will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never again see light.

[20] Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

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Life Application Questions

1. How is someone saved? Have you been saved?
2. When someone is saved what are they saved from?
3. Do you believe that people will perish if they are not saved?
4. Why would a loving God condemn anyone to eternal punishment/hell?
5. Do you believe that God does not want any to perish?
6. When you look around this world, it is easy to become discouraged. There is violence and hunger and sickness and poverty across the globe. When you see what you have by comparison to what others have you might become discouraged as well. What is the true measure of wealth? Is it dollars? Gold? Possessions? What if we began to see true wealth as time? How can a man add time to his life? The Bible teaches that we cannot add even an hour. However, the Bible also teaches that we can live forever. How much would that be worth?
7. God sent Jesus to pay the ransom for our sin so that we could be saved from the coming wrath. When we trust in Jesus we are saved and given the free gift of eternal life. This is so that we can live in right relationship with God forever! This gift cost Jesus his life and through great suffering Jesus was crushed for our sin and made the way for our salvation and eternal life. What wealth do you have if you have the free gift of eternal life paid for by the ransom of Jesus' life?

Ransom Prophecy ~ Isaiah 53:3-7