



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Psalm 49:1-20 (NAS)

Topic: "A Parable of Man's Folly"

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- 1 Hear this, all peoples; Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
- 2 Both low and high, Rich and poor together.
- 3 My mouth will speak wisdom, And the meditation of my heart will be understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will express my riddle on the harp.
- 5 Why should I fear in days of adversity, When the iniquity of my foes surrounds me,
- 6 Even those who trust in their wealth And boast in the abundance of their riches?
- 7 No man can by any means redeem his brother Or give to God a ransom for him--
- 8 For the redemption of his soul is costly, And he should cease trying forever--
- 9 That he should live on eternally, That he should not undergo decay.
- 10 For he sees that even wise men die; The stupid and the senseless alike perish And leave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their inner thought is that their houses are forever And their dwelling places to all generations; They have called their lands after their own names.
- 12 But man in his pomp will not endure; He is like the beasts that perish.
- 13 This is the way of those who are foolish, And of those after them who approve their words. Selah.
- 14 As sheep they are appointed for Sheol; Death shall be their shepherd; And the upright shall rule over them in the morning, And their form shall be for Sheol to consume So that they have no habitation.
- 15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol, For He will receive me. Selah.
- 16 Do not be afraid when a man becomes rich, When the glory of his house is increased;
- 17 For when he dies he will carry nothing away; His glory will not descend after him.
- 18 Though while he lives he congratulates himself-- And though men praise you when you do well for yourself--
- 19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They will never see the light.
- 20 Man in his pomp, yet without understanding, Is like the beasts that perish.

### **I. WHO ARE THE RICH AND THE POOR?**

- A. It Is A Subjective Matter
- B. It Includes All Men

### **II. A CALL TO HEAR**

- A. Those Who Have Ears To Hear
- B. Those Who Will Not Listen Now, Will Hear The Judge Later

### **III. THE RICH AND THE POOR UNITED**      **Matthew 25:11**

### **IV. THE DREAD OF THE POWER OF THE RICH**

- A. The Riches Easily Slip Away
- B. The Power Of Riches Is Weak

### **V. ALL DIE**

- A. Their House Will Not Endure      *Luke 12:19*
- B. Death Is The Shepherd Of The Godless
- C. Life , The Shepherd of The Godly      *John 14:6*

### **VI. THIS RICH MAN IS ALL ABOUT HIMSELF**

- A. He Congratulates Himself
- B. He Seeks Praise For Himself
- C. It All Dies With Him

### **RESPONSE:**

1. Do not be overwhelmed by the power of the rich.
2. Give them warning.
3. Give them the gospel.