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Highlights from the Psalms / Psalm 49:1–20

The key to eternal life rests with God alone Who is our redeemer.

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## Psalm Introduction

- A.) A psalm written for the instruction of the assembly (v.1)
- B.) It is composed for everyone, regardless of stature (v.2)
- C.) A leader of the sons of Korah speaks wisdom and understanding in a story to be sung in worship (vv.3-4)

## No Need to Fear in Times of Adversity

- A.) The psalmist addresses the oppression of those who have wealth and power (vv.5-6)
- B.) There is no wealth or position that can redeem an eternal future, even for a family loved one (vv.7-9)
- C.) The wise, the stupid, and the senseless all die and leave their wealth to others (v. 10)
- D.) The worldly think their houses will last forever and by calling the lands after their own names they will leave an enduring legacy (vv.10-13)

## ***SELAH***

## Transition: The Worldly Wealthy vs The Upright

A.) Death is the shepherd of the worldly wise and wealthy (v.14a)

B.) In the morning light of eternal light the upright will rule over them (v.14b)

C.) God will redeem the upright from sheol and receive [into His presence] those who belong to Him (v. 15)

## **SELAH**

### **Do Not Lust After Wealth & Power**

A.) The rich and wealthy will eventually pass from this life and eventually be remembered no more

B.) But the upright will pass into eternal life in the presence of God and abide in the light forever

**It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. (Matthew 19:24)**