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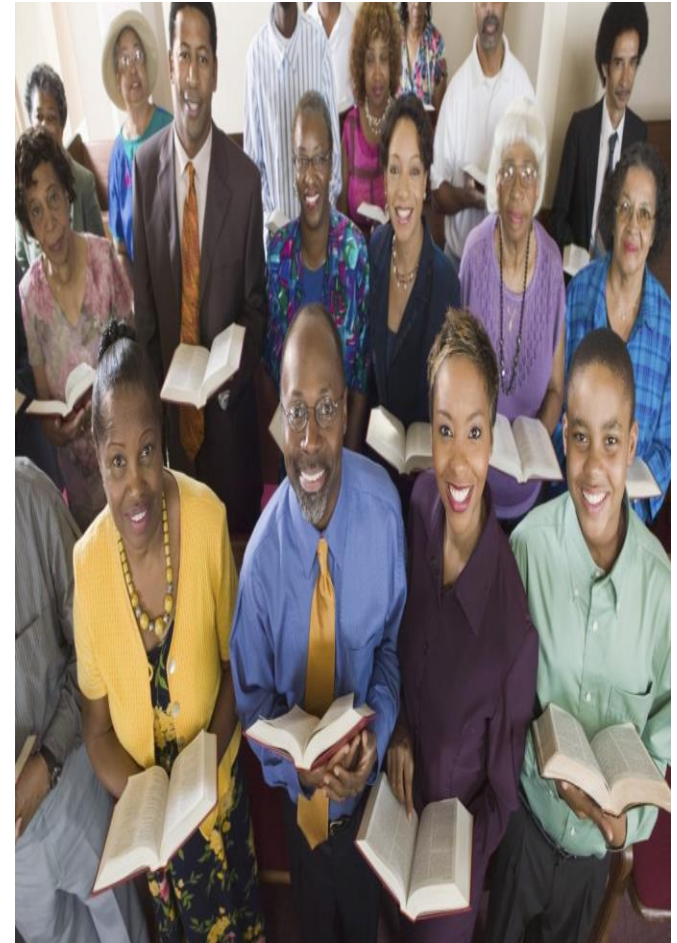
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# **LESSONS FROM THE WISDOM PSALMS**





# DON'T LIVE FOR RICHES ALONE

## PSALM 49



# AN OBSERVATION

- There is nothing wrong or sinful with being rich and enjoying the good things in life.
- **However:** It is futile to live only for the things of this life (i.e., possessions, power, position, privilege, status, and fame), in light of the certainty of death and eternity.
- **Luke 12:15:** And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”
- **Sermon Lesson:** Our focus in life should not be on getting things in this life, but on a life of eternity with God.

- Psalm 49 has three major sections that unify to show us why it is important to focus on eternity with God instead of possession of earthly things.

**—THE UNIVERSAL CALL 49:1-4**

**—THE UNIQUE COUNSEL 49:5-15**

**—THE UNDENIABLE CONCLUSION  
49:16-20**

# THE UNIVERSAL CALL 49:1-4

- **THE INVITATION 49:1-2**

- **Point:** Here is a message that is universal for all people of all races and cultures, in all places, and for all ages (past, present, and future).

- **THE INTENTION 49:3-4**

- **Point:** The goal of this universal message is to give some practical wisdom so that one can live wisely (i.e., not foolishly) in the sight of God

# THE UNIQUE COUNSEL 49:5-15

- **THE QUESTION EXAMINED 49:5**
  - **Point:** Why should I worry or become fearful, stressed out, frustrated and depressed when I come under attack by wicked people (e.g., through ridicule, hostile criticism, physical abuse, verbal abuse, oppression, injustice, persecution or any kind of mistreatment)?
  - **Special Note:** Part of living this earthly life (no matter how rich you may become) is enduring some kind of attack from evil people--we can either be victorious over it, or be defeated by it.



- **THE ANSWER EXPLAINED 49:6-12**

- **Answer #1: Wealth has limitations 49:6-9**

- **What it cannot purchase:** Redemption for anyone's life
    - **What it cannot perceive:** That a soul (i.e., life) is very costly (i.e., it cannot be purchase with anything a man has).
    - **What it cannot prevent:** It cannot prevent anyone from going to the Pit (i.e., the place of the dead).

- **Answer #2: Life has termination 49:10-12**

- **What all men see:** That all men die
    - **What all men think:** That their wealth will last forever
    - **What all men experience:** Death like the beasts (i.e., the ultimate humiliation)

- **THE CONTRAST EXPLORED 49:13-15**

- **The Delusion of the foolish 49:13-14**

- **Point:** Those who are foolish, and those who approve of their way, trust in and live for riches—forgetting about the certainty of death and eternity.

- **The Destiny of the Faithful 49:15**

- **Point:** The faithful **knows** that he will die (i.e., both the wise and the fool and the senseless person dies); but he also **knows** that he will rise again from the dead and live with the Lord!

# THE UNDENIABLE CONCLUSION 49:16-20

- **THE EXHORTATION 49:16**

- **Point:** It is foolish to be jealous of or intimidated by the prosperity of others, esp. the ungodly (e.g., you do not have to keep up with the Jones).

- **THE EXPLANATION 49:17-19**

- **Point:** When someone dies he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him (e.g., no matter how rich, how powerful, how privileged, how famous, or how influential he may be)

- **THE EPILOGUE 49:20**

- **Point:** How you understand this message will determine if you live a life of hope or futility!

# A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

- DOES YOUR LIFE ONLY CONSIST IN THE ABUNDANCE OF THE THINGS YOU POSSESS?
  - Do you live only for your job, business or career?
  - Do you live only to make money?
  - Do you live only to buy material things
  - Isn't there anything more to life than things?

RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR  
SAVIOUR TODAY!!

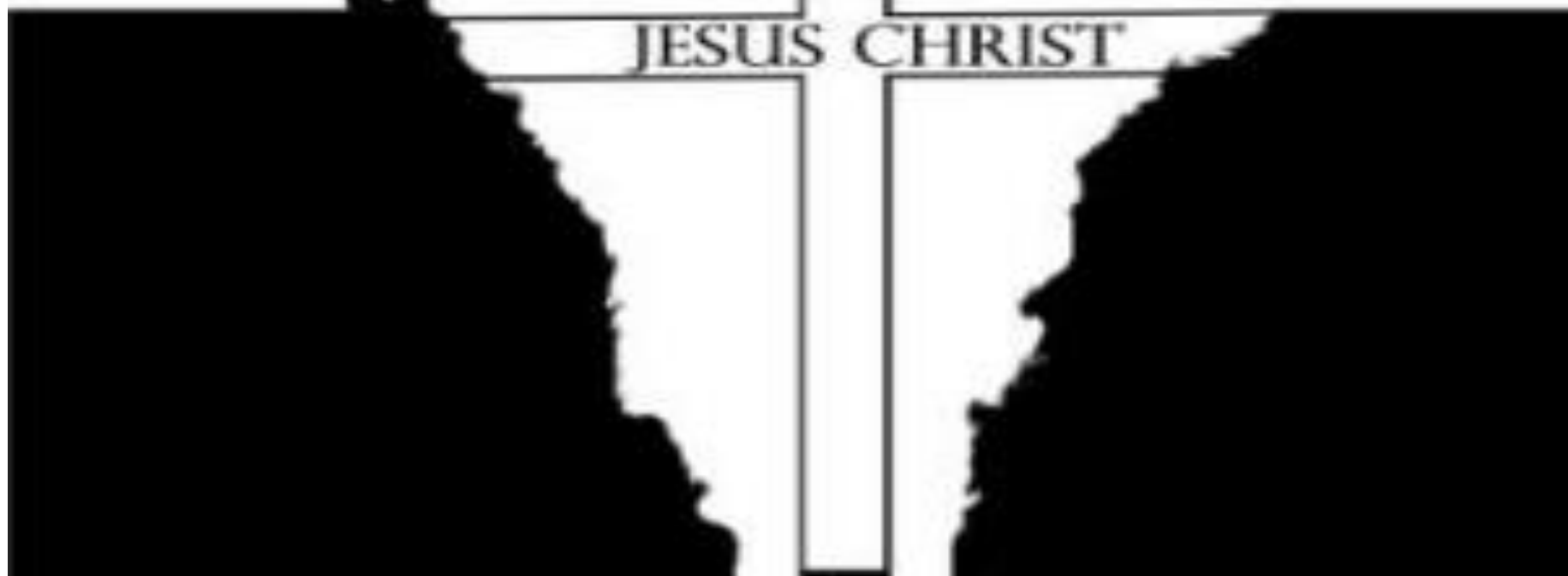




GOD HAS PROVIDED THE  
ONLY WAY...WE MUST MAKE  
THE CHOICE



JESUS CHRIST



1. **Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
2. **Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
3. **Affirm** that the Lord Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.