



“When Humans Are Like Animals”

Psalm 49

Sermon series: “Summer in the Psalms”

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Psalm 49

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?

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

1. How are humans like animals?

2. How are humans unlike animals?

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