

Sermon Discussion Questions

Psalm 49

Hope in Life and Death

1. Why is trusting in wealth so tempting? How do you know if you are trusting in wealth?
2. Why is trusting in wealth the height of foolishness? (vv.10-11, 17-19)
3. What is a ransom and why do we have a ransom on our head? To whom is the ransom owed? (vv. 7-9)
4. Why is man completely incapable of paying his ransom? (v.8-9)
5. What is the proverb that the psalmist uses to show the foolishness of trusting in riches? (v. 12, 20)
6. What makes the difference between the fate of the wise and the fool? (v. 15)
7. How did God pay our ransom? What all are we set free from? (1 Peter 1:18-19; Matt. 20:28)
8. How is the fate of the fool contrasted with the fate of the wise (vv.13-15, cf. Psalm 23)?
9. What consolation is available in this life for the wise who trust in the Lord? (v. 14-15)
10. How should this consolation impact our response when we are wronged by those who have wealth and power? (v. 5-6, 16)