

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Psalms Bible Study - Part 2

Psalm 49:10-20 Lesson #2

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in Psalms before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

10-11 For he sees that wise men die; likewise **the FOOL and the SENSELESS person PERISH, and LEAVE their WEALTH to OTHERS.** Their inner thought is that their houses shall continue forever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

•**Ecclesiastes 2:14-17** “The _____ man’s eyes are in his head, but the _____ walks in _____. Yet I myself perceived that the same _____ (death) happens to them all. So I said in my heart, ‘As it happens to the _____, it also happens to me, and why was I then more wise?’ Then I said in my heart, ‘This also is vanity.’ For there is no more remembrance of the _____ than of the _____ forever, since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a _____ man _____? As the _____! Therefore I hated life because the work that was done _____ the _____ was grievous to me, for all is _____ and grasping for the wind.”

Definition: “**The FOOL and the SENSELESS person PERISH, and LEAVE their WEALTH to OTHERS**” – I think we all know what being a FOOL means, and the “Senseless Person” is translated in other versions as a BRUTISH person, which means harsh, unfeeling, and maybe even like an ANIMAL. **The Bible says that a fool is someone who either does not believe in God, or else they just refuse to let God have any part in their lives.**

•**Psalm 14:1** “The _____ has _____ in his _____, ‘There is _____.’ They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is _____ who does _____.”

•**Luke 12:19-21** “And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have _____ laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’ But _____ said to him, ‘You _____! This night your _____ will be _____ of _____; then _____ will those _____ be which you have provided?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is _____ rich toward _____.”

Definition: “**The work that was done UNDER the SUN was grievous to me, for all is VANITY**” – **Whenever you see the words “under the sun”,** it means according to this world, and leaving God out of the picture. The book of Ecclesiastes, like Proverbs, was written by **King Solomon, who started out in his life by OBEYING God and God gave him great WISDOM, but later in his life, Solomon disobeyed God for many years.** Solomon had free will, just like we do, and God will not override our free will and force us to obey Him. Much later in Solomon’s life, after he had sampled every worldly and fleshly pleasure possible, and he’d “gone to the school of hard knocks”, **he turned back to God.** **The book of Ecclesiastes was written by Solomon in his old age to show how he had learned the hard way that God’s way is the best way, and that everything else without God is all vanity and futility.** In Ecclesiastes 1:12-18, Solomon, or “The Preacher” as he calls himself, tells how he tried to learn by worldly “wisdom” **all that the world has to offer, but he found it to be worthless and empty.** If he had been content with God’s wisdom, instead of trying to find out for himself, he would have avoided a lot of pain in his life. Just as Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil instead of taking God’s word for it, and had to experience the evil of this life, Solomon chose by his

own free will to exceed the limits of the great wisdom that God gave him, in order to experience the harsh, painful side of life first hand. Although Solomon did come back to the Lord late in life, he regretted his many years of disobedience, and tries to warn us not to do what he did. In Ecclesiastes 12:1 & 13 he says, "Remember also your Creator **in the days of your YOUTH**, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no delight in them.'" "The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: **fear God and keep His commandments**, because this applies to every person."

12-14 Nevertheless **MAN, though in HONOR, does not remain; he is LIKE the BEASTS that PERISH.**

This is the way of those who are foolish, and their posterity who approve their sayings. Selah. Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; **the UPRIGHT shall have DOMINION OVER them in the MORNING**; and their beauty shall be consumed in the grave, far from their dwelling.

Definition: "MAN, though in HONOR, does not remain; he is LIKE the BEASTS that PERISH" – The "honor" spoken of here is the **WORLDLY** pride, pomp and honor that worldly people give to each other. It is **NOT** the kind of honor that God gives to anyone. **Therefore, this verse is speaking about non-believers, UNSAVED people.** Verse 20 makes it even more clear when it says, "Man who is in honor, **yet does not understand**", because the "not understanding" means they don't know God. When they die, in a sense, they are no different than the animals, in that they are buried and their bodies corrupt and decay in the earth. However, they will have to face God's judgment eventually, and will be thrown into hell because they have **REJECTED** Jesus Christ and God's way of salvation. So, again, **this verse is speaking about the body being buried and decaying in the grave, and not about man's eternal judgment.**

•**Ecclesiastes 3:18-21** "All go to one place: _____ are from the _____, and all return to _____. Who knows the _____ of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the _____ of the _____, which goes _____ to the _____?"

•**Ecclesiastes 12:5b-7** (Verse 5b) "....For man goes to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets." (Verse 7) "Then the _____ will return to the _____ as it was, and the _____ will return to _____ who gave it."

Definition: "The SPIRIT of the BEAST, which goes DOWN to the EARTH" – The "spirit" of the beast in this verse means **BREATH** or **LIFE FORCE**. The **BODIES** of humans and animals **BOTH RETURN** to the **EARTH**. The Bible says that **BOTH** animals and humans were made from the earth, but God breathed **an ETERNAL SPIRIT into man only**, and **made him in His image** (Genesis 1:24, Gen. 2:7 & 19). Animals do not have an eternal spirit or soul that lives on beyond death. Whether God will resurrect or **RECREATE** our special pets, **the Bible does not say**. He certainly **COULD** do so if He wanted to.

Definition: "The UPRIGHT shall have DOMINION OVER them in the MORNING" – "The upright" means the ones who are righteous in God's sight, so in other words, a true Believer in God and Jesus Christ. **To "have dominion" means to RULE and REIGN over someone or a group of people.** "In the morning" in this verse means **in the RESURRECTION and when Jesus sets up His kingdom here on earth.** The world we live in right now **is full of darkness, so it is like the night.** When Jesus brings His kingdom here to earth and **we, as resurrected glorified SAINTS of God RULE and REIGN with Him, it will be like the radiant bright light of morning** compared to the darkness we've been living in.

•**Daniel 7:27** "Then the _____ and _____, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be _____ to the people, the

_____ of the Most High. His _____ is an everlasting kingdom, and all _____ shall _____ and _____ Him.”

• **Revelation 20:4** “And I saw _____, and they (the saints) _____ on them, and _____ was _____ to _____. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to _____ and for the _____ of _____, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and _____ with _____ for thousand years.”

15 But **God will REDEEM my SOUL** from the power of the grave, for **HE shall RECEIVE ME.** Selah.

• **Psalm 73:24** “You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward _____ me to _____.”

• **Acts 7:59-60** “And they stoned Stephen as he was _____ on _____ and saying, ‘Lord _____, _____ my _____.’ Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not charge them with this sin.’ And when he had said this, he fell _____ (died).”

Definition: “God will REDEEM my SOUL..... for HE shall RECEIVE ME” – The Bible teaches that a Believer in Jesus Christ goes directly to be with the Lord in heaven when he or she dies (**God RECEIVES the soul that has been REDEEMED by faith in Jesus Christ**). Paul makes it very clear that when we are **“absent from the body”** we are immediately **“present with the Lord.”** David prophesied in Psalm 16:10 that **his SOUL would not be left in Sheol**, and he also prophesied of the resurrection of Jesus when he said that God would not leave His Holy One, the Messiah, to decay in the grave. The Bible often refers to death as “sleep” and the dead as “being asleep,” but **it is NEVER a SOUL SLEEP**. Only **the physical BODY is “asleep”** and waiting to be AWAKENED at the resurrection. The SOULS of the people have already LEFT their BODIES to either be with God, if they were saved, or for the UNSAVED, to await the JUDGMENT and be thrown into hell. For the believer in Jesus Christ **“to be ABSENT from the BODY”** is **“to be PRESENT with the Lord.”**

• **Psalm 16:10** “For You will not _____ my _____ in Sheol (the place of the dead), nor will You allow Your Holy One to see _____.”

• **Psalm 56:13** “For You have _____ my soul from _____. Have you not delivered my feet from falling, that I may _____ before _____ in the light of the _____?”

• **II Corinthians 5:6 & 8** “Therefore we are always confident, knowing that while we are at _____ in the _____, we are _____ from the _____.” (Verse 8)
“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be _____ from the _____ and to be _____ with the _____.”

16-17 Do not be afraid **when one becomes rich**, when the glory of his house is increased; for **when he DIES he shall CARRY NOTHING AWAY; his GLORY shall not DESCEND after him.**

• **I Timothy 6:6-8** “But _____ with _____ is great _____. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is _____ we can _____ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be _____.”

Definition: “GODLINESS with CONTENTMENT is great GAIN” – Being **“CONTENT”** or **“CONTENTMENT”** means **to be happy enough or satisfied with what you have**, and not desiring anything else. God’s word here in I Timothy says, “Having food and clothing, with these we shall be content,” and yet most of us are not content with just those basic things. Everything we receive from

God is a blessing, and **we should be thankful for ALL of His wonderful gifts and benefits He gives us.** Most of us have far more than just food and clothing to be thankful for.

• **Psalm 103:2-5** “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His _____; who _____ all your iniquities (sins), who heals all your diseases. Who _____ your _____ from _____, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender _____, who _____ your mouth with _____, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

• **Philippians 4:11** “Not that I speak in regard to _____, for I have _____ in _____ state (condition) I _____, to be _____.”

Definition: “It is CERTAIN we can CARRY NOTHING OUT” – There is a funny saying that goes something like this, “There are no U-Haul trailers being pulled by a hearse.” **This means that the dead person cannot carry away with him any of his earthly goods or riches.** God’s word also says the same thing, and that is that our wealth and worldly possessions will NOT follow us to our destination, whether heaven or hell, when we die.

• **Ecclesiastes 5:15** “As he came (was born) from his mother’s womb, _____ shall he _____, to go as he came; and he shall _____ from his labor which he may _____ in his hand.”

• **Job 1:21** “And he said, ‘_____ I came from my mother’s womb, and _____ shall I _____ there. The Lord _____, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.’”

18-20 Though while he lives he blesses himself (for men will praise you when you do well for yourself), **he shall GO to the GENERATION of his FATHERS; they shall never see LIGHT.** Man who is in honor, yet does not understand, is like the beasts that perish.

• **Genesis 49:29** “Then he (Jacob) charged them and said to them, ‘I am to be _____ to my _____; _____ me with my _____ in the _____ that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite.’”

• **Genesis 49:33** “And when _____ had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and _____ his _____, and was _____ to his _____.”

Definition: “He shall GO to the GENERATION of his FATHERS; they shall never see LIGHT” – Being “gathered to your fathers” was an old expression meaning you were dying and going to the same place as your ancestors, usually just meaning the earthly burial place. This happens to believers in Jesus as well as non-believers, but **those who “will never see light” are only the non-believers.** Jesus promised His disciples that they would NOT walk in darkness, and we as believers as called “children of LIGHT”.

• **Ephesians 5:8** “For you were once _____, but now you are _____ in the Lord. _____ as _____ of _____.”

• **Romans 13:12-13** “The _____ is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of _____, and let us put on the armor of _____.”

• **Acts 26:18** “...to open their eyes, and to turn them from _____ to _____, and from the power of _____ to God, that they may receive _____ of sins, and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by _____ in Me (Jesus).”

• **I Thessalonians 5:4-5** “But you, brethren, are not in _____, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of _____ and sons of the _____. We are not of the _____ nor of _____.”