Psalms 49:1-20 Sunday 11/22/2026

I. Introduction to Psalm 49

We are going to get a little taste of it, praise the Lord. We are going to move into Psalms 49 today. If you have your Bibles, you will want to turn over to Psalms 49. For the last couple of weeks, we have been, well, a couple of months, we have been coming through Psalms, even before our child training. We saw how God, we saw the tribulation, the second coming. We saw how God established His kingdoms on earth, the millennial reign of Christ. Then we saw the heavenly Jerusalem last week come down in Psalms 48, the city of the great King on the sides of the north, the joy of the whole earth.

On Thursday night, we took the time to lay out the New Jerusalem. So now you have everything that you need. I suggest that if you want to be deeply in your Bible, you get that stuff in. If you need some help, come and see me. I am always here early on Thursday night and Sunday morning. I will be glad to sit down with you and help you correlate all that stuff into your Bible. I completely lay out for you now what is described in many places in the Bible, but the key would be Ezekiel chapter 40 through 48, and then Revelation chapter 20 on, and Revelation chapter 22. This shows how the three Jerusalems—the earthly one, the heavenly, and the New Jerusalem—all fit into the Word of God, into the future of what God has for us.

Today, after last week, what we see in Psalms 49 is God issuing a warning. It is a warning to the world. You have heard me tell you many, many times that the Bible basically is written to three people groups. The key to rightly dividing the Bible is to understand who He is writing this to. There are going to be passages in there that are only written directly to the nation of Israel. Now, that does not mean you cannot get stuff out of it, but you have to see that it is not written directly to you. It is written directly to the Jew. Then there will be places where He writes directly to you. You have to understand the difference between the two. But then there will be times in your Bible when He is not talking to the Jews, He is not talking to the church, He is talking to the Gentile world. He is talking to the whole world that is made up of Gentiles that is outside the nation of Israel and outside the church.

In this chapter, God will address the Gentile world after His great chapters on God coming and establishing His kingdom and the destruction of the Second Coming of Christ. You are going to find places like this in your Bible. One of the most known places in the Bible for anybody that knows the Bible, it is unknown to most of God's people, will be Jeremiah chapter 29, verse 29. Here again, you have God making a proclamation to the Gentile world. He starts out by saying, "O earth, O earth, hear the word of the Lord." That is not to the church. That is not to Israel. That is to the inhabitants of planet earth. That verse is one of the key statements in the Bible that is unknown today of God giving you an incredible piece of history dealing with the nation of Israel and the First Coming of Christ. There are places like that throughout the Bible. In chapter 49, we have another announcement of this one, a warning to unsaved people all over the world. So let us read it. We are going to make some comments on it and we are going to break it down so you can get it into your Bible.

Psalms 49:1-20

1. Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

2. Both low and high, rich and poor, together.

3. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

4. I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5. Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

6. They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

7. None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

8. (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

9. That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.

10. For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

11. Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

12. Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

13. This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.

14. Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

15. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

16. Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

17. For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

18. Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.

19. He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

20. Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

Now Father, help us today to break down this great Psalm, this great warning that God gives to the Gentile world about His coming, destruction, and judgment. Help us today to not only get it into our Bibles but get it into our hearts and minds that we understand what this great Psalm is all about. We will thank You and praise You in Jesus' name, for His sake we ask it. Amen.

II. The Spirit of the Age

This Psalm is a warning. One of the things that you and I should be doing as a child of God, knowing the timeframe of where we are at, is hitchhiking off of this warning and telling people about what is to come. This will be easier for us to understand if we break it down in this section. So that is exactly what I am going to do. But I want you to understand this is God's warning to the Gentile world. Yet at the same time, when you get into this, and I am going to break it down for you, you begin to see and understand the mindset of men and women on planet earth today, understanding life's mindset to all the things that go on around us, better to understand why people do the things that they do, why they say the things that they do. This will shape the direction of any country, of any nation, the mindset that the people have and the general mindset that they follow. This Psalm to me is an incredible inside look at the mind and the thinking of unsaved people.

This will be invaluable when you begin to work with people and deal with people and try to help people. Years ago, maybe 40 years or longer, I read a book one time by a British author who was long dead. It was a book that somebody gave me. I could not tell you what the book was even about, but there was one thing that he said in there that I have never forgotten. It was one thing in that line in that book. As far as I am concerned, that is why God gave me the book. But it was the greatest thing I ever heard in my life and I have never forgotten it. This old English divine said this: "The job of every Christian, the job of every child of God who has decided to do what God wants them to do with their life, the job of every Christian is to determine what the spirit of the age that he lives in is, and then take everything in his Christian power and walk with God to go against that spirit." I have never read anything with more insight in it and more understanding of what and how we should look at the world that we live in.

I will tell you right now today, there is a prevailing spirit in America. It is a prevailing spirit, not just with unsaved people, but it is a prevailing spirit with saved people. It is a spirit that Micah chapter 2, verse 11 talks about when he talks about a spirit of falsehood. It is the same spirit. When Micah wrote this, he is directing it to the nation of Israel. A spirit of falsehood had descended on Israel. They are now so far from what they originally were when God brought them out of Egypt. They are so far from Moses and the law. They are so far from David, so far from the great kings that God used to establish them. They have come to the point now where they have walked away from God. They have walked away from God's Word. When Micah writes that in the Minor Prophets, Israel is in a mess right before God's coming judgment. He is telling them the problem with this country, Israel, the problem with this nation, God's people, is a spirit of falsehood has descended on that nation. That is where we are at today.

I believe very little that anybody tells me what is really going on in America today. I just come to the place where I understand that this spirit of falsehood has descended on our own country, literally around the world. But we do not live around the world, we are talking about our country. People believe some of the dumbest, stupidest stuff that makes absolutely no sense. People feed off the internet. People feed off the five o'clock, six o'clock news. People feed off all of those news outlets that give you the news, N-E-W-S, news, what is new. I believe very little of it. I believe that this country is in such a mess and a spirit of falsehood has descended on this country

that the unsaved world is completely out of touch, but unfortunately, most of God's people are too. You begin to see how this thing is so relevant to the time that you and I live in. This is the time when God said over there back in the book of Ezekiel chapter 14, he says, "You know what? When you walk away from God and you walk away from the Word of God, I am going to send you a spirit of falsehood. Then what I am going to do is I am going to answer your prayers. I am going to answer your desires in your heart after the multitude of the idols in your heart." That is where we are at.

III. God's Warning to the Gentile World

Now let us look at verses 1, 2, and 3. You can see here now that He is talking to the entire Gentile world with a warning. This is the principle that is found in Romans chapter 2, verse 11: God is no respecter of persons. He says to the inhabitants of the world, "Hear this, all ye people, both low and high, both rich and poor." In God's sight, they are all the same. God does not look at your riches versus your poverty anymore, but He looked at your education versus your lack of education. He is talking about from the kings and the queens and the presidents to the bums down on the street corner begging for you to give them a dollar.

The world is told in verse 4, God now is going to speak in parables. You see, that is what happens. Remember that? Remember what happened to the nation of Israel? Once in Matthew chapter 12 and 13, they rejected God's Son. God brought the kingdom to them. God sent them the truth incarnate, the Word of God, God's Son. He shows up and they reject Him. The next thing that happens in chapter 12 and 13 is the whole kingdom goes into parables. They are hidden from everybody. They cannot see it anymore. He says, this is what the prophet Isaiah talked about, that seeing you shall not see and hearing you shall not hear. God sends them a spirit of falsehood, a spirit of deception. That is where we are at today. That is exactly what happened to Israel in Matthew chapter 12, 13, going into parables. You see, when you turn your back on God and God's truth, God turns His back on you.

But I want you to see verse 3. God still speaks wisdom and understanding, but nobody cares about the truth anymore. That is the problem today. That is the problem in churches. That is the problem with God's people. Forget the world for a moment. God's people do not care what the truth of the Word of God says because if it butts up against what we want to do, now He says these parables, verse 3, become dark sayings. The things of God now become strange things, not just to the world, but to God's own people. If you would read through the Old Testament, the Book of Isaiah, the Book of Hosea, the Book of Micah, most of the Minor Prophets, you would find this is where Israel's state was. This is where they were, and when the prophets write about where Israel is at, they are prophesying where we are going to be.

So now today, with the spirit of falsehood and deception descending upon us, we now see the fulfillment of Isaiah chapter 59, verse 4, where the great prophet Isaiah says that truth has fallen in the streets. We now see the great prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 5:20 prophesied to us that there will be a time when the good things are called evil and the evil things are now called good. When Hosea wrote and prophesied about the nation of Israel but was prophesying in the future in chapter 8, verse 12, he says with the nation of Israel, just like with God's people today, the great

things of God have now become strange things to the world. Man is following now the spirit of falsehood, Micah 2:11. The spirit of falsehood and deception has descended on America, not only in the world but Christianity, like a fog back over the ocean. When all that takes place, the ultimate is Proverbs chapter 28, verse 5, where he says now with all of this, unsaved man does not understand God's coming judgment. That is where we are at. When you get into the rest of this Psalm, you see exactly what I just said. This is the mindset of the world and many of God's people today.

IV. The Mindset of Man

In verses 6 through 20, we now see that mindset of man who now lives in the 20th, 21st century, right before the Lord comes back, just like the nation of Israel, the spirit of falsehood fell on them right before the First Coming of Christ.

➢ 1.) Trust in Wealth and Riches

Look at verse 6:

Psalms 49:6

6. They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

Now He begins to unearth for us the real God of this world for many people. First Timothy chapter 6, verse 10 says that the love of money is the root of all evil. The reason why He says that is because the root of the love of money is one word: covetousness. This will be true of unsaved man, but come on, it is also true of saved man. Matthew chapter 6, verse 21 tells us that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The only desire in life for so many people is to have wealth and then to boast to everybody about the riches that you have. Look at me. Look at what I have. The multitude of his riches. It is not just his money. No, no, no. But it is his house. It is his boat. It is his cars. It is his private jet. It is all the things he has amassed in his life and have become his god all through the spirit of falsehood that he actually thinks that there is satisfaction and there is happiness and there is fulfillment in those things.

➢ 2.) Inability to Redeem

Look at verse 7 and 8:

Psalms 49:7-8

7. None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

8. (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

Now, that verse, if you want an example of that in the Bible, turn over to Luke chapter 16. It starts in verse 29 where it says:

Luke 16:19-24

19. There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20. And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21. And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23. And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Now, you read down through here and you see that here is a man that had everything in life, but when he died and in hell, he lifted up his eyes. Now he asks for redemption for his five brothers. If you read on down through 27 through 31, he says to Abraham, "I have five brothers. Send somebody to them. Send somebody up from the dead. Raise somebody up from the dead. Send some miracle back in their life that my five brothers do not come to this place of torment." Abraham says, "Uh-uh, they have the Word of God and the prophets. If they are not going to get saved by the hearing of the clear prophetic Word of God, sending somebody from the dead is not going to do the job." The point is, you cannot get redemption after you are in the lake of fire. The falsehood of the Roman Catholic Church that somebody in your family dies and you want to get them out of purgatory so you give so much money and they will pray them out of purgatory is the spirit of falsehood. If you are a Mormon and somebody in your family was not a good Mormon or no Mormon at all, you can get baptized for the dead. Spirit of falsehood. Once you leave this life, your eternity is sealed one way or the other. That is one of the greatest verses in the Bible. The spirit of falsehood, all that you have, with all that you have amassed in your life, it cannot redeem your family. God's warning to an unsaved world. No way to get redemption when you leave this life. Second Corinthians chapter 6, verse 2 says:

2 Corinthians 6:2

2. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

➢ 3.) Delusion of Immortality

Look at verse 9:

Psalms 49:9

9. That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.

Now human nature, understanding how people think through the spirit of falsehood, when a man turns his back on God and then trusts in his wealth, his riches, and his power and all that he has,

like Luke chapter 16, he fares sumptuously every day. Now as Proverbs 28:5 says, he loses his perspective on God's judgment. Now he will put death, dying, funeral homes, graveside services as far from his thinking as he can. He actually develops the mindset, maybe not literally believing it, but practically trying to live it out that he is going to live forever.

Back in Ecclesiastes chapter 3, verses 1 through 8, and I need to say this to you before I go any farther. The Book of Ecclesiastes is the book that will go on with this chapter here. If you know the Book of Ecclesiastes, the Book of Ecclesiastes is written by Solomon and the whole book is coined under one phrase, "under the sun." Most people do not know what that means. It simply means that the Book of Ecclesiastes is the book about life on planet earth under the sun. It is a book that tells you everything that Psalms 49 is telling you, how unsaved man will live. You are going to find in the Book of Ecclesiastes, oh, I do not know, 30, 35 philosophies that man comes up with. You are going to find existentialism, you are going to find pragmatism, you are going to find socialism, you are going to find Nazism, you are going to find fascism, you are going to find all of these that man comes up with to get around the Word of God. You know what the second theme is in Ecclesiastes? It is the whole vanity. It is the whole vanity. Ecclesiastes shows you why man thinks the way that he does and his mindset and then his action based on that mindset. He thinks he is going to live forever.

In Ecclesiastes chapter 3, verses 1 through 8, if you need to mark this out sometime, you will find that there is, in chapter 1 through 8 it says there are some things that in life that are going to befall you. It is all built around there is a time to be born and a time to die. Between those two, there are 26 things that a man or a woman will build in their lives to get around the Word of God. The last thing of those 26 is something that he never gets where the Bible says there is a time for peace, because an unsaved man or an unsaved woman never gets the peace that God has for them. Ecclesiastes is a great book that goes along. We are going to use it throughout this day today.

➢ 4.) Leaving Wealth to Others

Look at verse 10:

Psalms 49:10

10. For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

There it is. There it is, man. Here is the mark of the mindset of an unsaved man, but also a lot of saved people through the spirit of falsehood. They die and they leave their kids the wealth. They will have a 401k, kids get it. They will have property, kids get it. They will have cars, the kids get it. They will have big houses, the kids get it. They will put it into a will, put it into a trust. But they never leave them what they really should leave them. You know, we are all going to die. We are all going to leave our children something. Most parents, this is a commendable thing, most parents want their kids to have a better life than they have had. I understand that. So they think by leaving everything materialized to them is really the right thing to do and going to help them. Well, I am not saying it is not. I am not saying you should not. But I am saying this: The question

you have to ask yourself is what kind of inheritance are you going to leave your kids when you die? Because there are only two. The inheritance that you leave them with God or the inheritance that you leave them with the world. Solomon, the Rothschilds, J. Paul Getty, Howard Hughes, Trump, Rockefeller, Musk, J.P. Morgan, all the millionaires and billionaires of this life, they have to leave it behind or if they are not dead yet, they are going to leave it behind. Somebody else is going to fight over two kinds of inheritance, only two. You are going to leave them that inheritance of eternity or the inheritance of the world.

➢ 5.) Seeking Lasting Legacy

Look at verse 11. This is so perfect:

Psalms 49:11

11. Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

There it is. So, you have Columbus, Ohio. You have Lincoln, Nebraska. You have Washington, D.C. You have Constantinople. You have Bob Jones University. You have Leningrad. Then you have Stalingrad. Then you have Moody Bible Institute. You have Mount Rushmore. There are the faces of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln. Years ago, at a Bible study, I had a lady raise her hand and ask the question. She says, "You do not believe in evolution that the world has been here for millions of years, do you?" I said, "No, ma'am, I do not." She says, "Well, I have got a question for you then. If you say the world is only 6,000 years old, how long do you think it took evolution and erosion to make those four faces on Mount Rushmore?" You remember when you asked that question, Barb? Oh, okay. I am looking at her and saying, "You know, come on, you have got to be kidding me." She was not. She was not. It is like we were driving, I am driving somewhere with a bunch of people in a car going, I do not forget where we were. There were two ladies in the back and, and please, one of them was not the brightest person in the world, you know, and it is a thing where we are driving down the road and it is kind of out. There was a sign here, it said, "Deer Crossing." She looks at me and she says, "How do they get the deer to know to cross here?" Another one said, "Do you ever think we will take a rocket to the sun?" I said, "No, it is too hot." She said, "Why do not we go at night?" Oh, they are out there. All of the bats are not in the belfry, let me tell you.

But then you have Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Memorial, Grant's Tomb, Truman Library, McKinley Monument, Truman Farm, Jesse James Farm, Raytown. Oh, that is scary. You know, in ancient Egypt, when the pharaohs died and they built the pyramids and their temples for their tombs, in their religion, they believed that there was going to be an afterlife. Well, they were, just not the way they thought it. So when they put them in these tombs, they buried with them their servants, alive. If they had more than one wife, the wives went, their horses with their favorite chariots, their boats, enough food to sustain them on the journey to the afterlife. They actually thought like people think today. Now, we look at that and some of you shook your heads how stupid that is. People do the same thing today. They just do not build pyramids. They build 401Ks. See? Another one with a 401K. It all depends on what your attitude is about it. That man in Luke chapter 16, one of the great verses. And in hell, he lifted up his

eyes. Every time I see the funeral for some great man, woman, when a president dies, they take him over to the National Cathedral. They have a big pomp and circumstance. All the other former presidents are there. Everybody is there. Some priest gets up and does all his things, you know, and the smoke incense is shaken all over the place. Everybody is talking about what a great man he was. When I sit there and watch that, one thing comes in my mind: "And in hell, he lifted up his eyes." That is the reality. The spirit of falsehood, the spirit of deception will tell you you are okay when you are not.

Ecclesiastes 2:19-20

19. And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity.

20. Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.

He says you are leaving it to somebody. You do not know what they are going to do with it. I have seen pastors build churches. They had the right motive. They not always had the right book, but they had the right motive and they loved people. They had two or three heart attacks in the process of pastoring because they worked so hard to build a church and to build a church and to build a church. Then after they go, their son takes it over and puts it right in the ground. You know why? He did not build it. He did not care for it like the old man did. He never invested in it like the old man did. You think, "Oh, I want this to be handled wisely," but you give it to a fool. Life on planet earth under the spirit of falsehood.

➢ 6.) Man is Like Beasts

Love this Psalm, man. Look at verse 12:

Psalms 49:12

12. Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

Here we go in Ecclesiastes chapter 3, verses 19 and 20:

Ecclesiastes 3:19-20

19. For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity.

20. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

This is why the Bible in Proverbs chapter 26 talks about an unsaved man being like a dog. In Proverbs chapter 26, verse 11, it gives you a little info on this dog, a dog that keeps returning to his vomit. Now, I do not mean to be gross today and do not make you sick, but the bottom line is this: If you have had a dog, you know that dogs get sick. It does not take much. You give them the wrong dog food or you give them the wrong treat and they are going to regurgitate. I have

learned by experience, I mean, we are a family of dogs. We have got two right now. I have had as many as five at one time. I have learned a great lesson. If one of them throws up, if they have got five, just stay back. It will be gone in 20 minutes. It is the grossest thing on the planet, man. A dog returning to his own vomit.

There were these two bums walking down a railroad track. They had not eaten in days. They say, "Man, I am really hungry. I am really hungry." One guy says, "I am going to eat the first thing I see." The other guy says, "No, not me, boy, I am waiting for a hot meal." So they walked down the track and there was a dead possum along the tracks. Been there for, I do not know how long. Well, the one guy says, "I told you I will eat the first thing." He got down on the news. He ate that rotten old possum. Now, possums are the most godless animals on the planet when they are alive. They eat dead things their whole life. This guy has eaten it. The other guy says, "Oh, boy." So they are walking down a track after he ate it, you know, and about, you know, 20 minutes later, he boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom. He throws up right over there. He says, "What do you think?" He says, "See, I told you if I were to eat long enough, I would get a hot meal." Oh, come on. You will be telling that all day tomorrow. No, no, no, you are so prim and proper. No, no, no, no. I do a lot of books. They ought to have a book on my jokes. It would be a million dollar seller. I am telling him. Nothing more gross than that. But you know what? We shirked at that. We do not like stories like that. But you know what? An unsaved man keeps going back to his sin just like that over and over again. He does not learn his lesson. I mean, come on, come on. I know I am not speaking to anybody here now. But some of you guys before you were saved, were not you drinkers? Sure you were. Some of you gals were too. One lady back there going like that. I appreciate that, man. You were drinkers. Friday night and Saturday night. You were drinking night. You know when you drink and drink and drink and drink the next morning or that night, you get sick. You know, I mean, you are heading to the bathroom. If you do not get out of the place, you are headed to the bathroom and up chuck into the commode or into the urinal or whatever the case may be. You are just throwing up. But you know what? The next Friday night, you will be right back into it again. That is why he says it was a dog turned into his vomit because an unsaved man keeps turning to his sin.

Then you know what he says about a woman, an unsaved woman? None of you lovely ladies. He says over there in 2 Peter chapter 2, verse 22 that an unsaved woman is like a sow, a pig wallowing in the mire. Now the world tries to change that fear of deception. It wants to change that image. But at the end of the day, it is still a dog and a pig. You put a dog in a tux. It is a dog in a tux. You put diamonds around the pig's neck. It is still a pig. In fact, Proverbs chapter 11, verse 27 says:

Proverbs 11:22

22. As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.

It is just a gold-studded pig. Now that is tough. People do not like to hear that kind of stuff anymore. They want to be enlightened. They want to be told this and told that they want to leave feeling good. Let me tell you something. When God looks at the unsaved world, if you are a

man, it is a dog. If you are a woman, it is a pig. When he looks down at life on planet Earth with unsaved people in his eyes, it is barnyard animals. Sorry.

➢ 7.) Folly of Human Sayings

Verse 13:

Psalms 49:13

13. This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.

So the sayings of unsaved men under the spirit of falsehood, things that people catch on and say over and over and over again. All vanity, "early to bed and early to rise makes one healthy and smart and wise" or whatever. Not true. "An apple a day keeps a doctor away." Not unless it is that apple. JFK got up one time and said, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." Sorry. Martin Luther King, "I have a dream," which was a nightmare. Turned out to be the sequel of Freddy Krueger and Friday the 13th.

Then we have the war on poverty. We have a war on drugs. LBJ produced that we are going to have a golden age. Trump says, "Let us make America great again." FDR talked about the great society. Then he talked about the great society. But we are going to have a new deal. So we have Earth Day. Gay Pride Week. We have civil rights, social rights. I mean, all the degenerates and the big shots of 6,000 years of man's history with all their rhetoric. They could not solve the seven major problems of mankind in life on planet Earth. He could not stop religious diversity. He could not stop wars between nations. He could not stop famine and hunger and starvation. He could not fix sickness. He could not stop death. He could not fix natural disasters. He could not stop murder, death, and crime in general. But they have the sayings for it, and people under the spirit of falsehood believe what they say. I did not live back in FDR's time, but if I would have been around back then and know what I know now, when he got up and proclaimed a new deal, I knew it was going to wind up being a raw deal. I was alive when LBJ was president, but I did not care much about things back then. When he talked about having a golden age, you know, I would have labeled it as fool's gold. I am alive with Trump in office today, and when he said, "Let us make America great again," I am not under any delusion that America will never be made great when you reject what made it great in the first place with the King James 1611 Authorized Version. That is just me.

➢ 8.) Death's Dominion

Look at verse 14. Oh, I like this one:

Psalms 49:14

14. Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

Wow. They lay you in the grave. Now death feeds on you. You know what that is? That is just flesh, decomposing, corrupting, maggots getting here, rotting in the casket. Somebody said to me

one time, he says, "You ever hear of Beethoven?" I said, "Yeah, Beethoven." He says, "He was a great composer." I said, "Yeah." "Does he still write music?" I said, "No, he is decomposing now." I do not know how many get on YouTube. You can find some incredible stuff on YouTube. I know what movie stars have sexual relations with aliens. It is on YouTube. Do you believe it? No. But one that I loved was one on there that, what happens to your body after you have been in the grave for 10 years? It was done by a mortician. Now, I got a little insight in this. When I was in the army, they found out I could play the trumpet. This was at the height of the Vietnam War when I was stationed at Fort Devens there. Boys were coming back and we would have to do funerals for them, you know, and all that stuff. They put a rifle squad together and the pallbearers, you know, fold the flag and all that stuff. It was the real deal. It was not like some of the stuff you see now. I get it. You cannot do it today like you did back then. Back then, we came out of Fort Devens, two vans, a captain with us, burial team, the rifle team, and the bugler. I will tell you, it was one of the best experiences I ever had because I got to travel all over New England. Called a TDY. They paid me money to go and do these things and then come back. I learned some great things. One of the things I really, is I got to be really good buddies with funeral directors because we had to work real close together. I will never forget. Funeral directors have got to be the weirdest people on the planet. You know that? I mean, to do that job day in and day out where you are just dealing with dead people, I mean, I do not know. I mean, it is, but they are a weird bunch. But I got to be friends with them. There would be times what would happen is I would not have to do anything till they got to the grave cemetery and they shot the guns off and then they would move the casket. So I would be hanging out there, and everybody doing that thing. Then when they were done, they took the casket out and put it into hearse and the rifle squad got in the deal. I rode in the hearse. So I get to know these guys. We had one guy, Fort Knox, Kentucky back then was the armor school, tanks. One guy that ran over by the tank, crossed his chest. Now, that has got to hurt. Has got to flatten him out. I read this ticket on the tail there, you know, how this guy got killed. I went in there and the casket was open. Boy, he looked great. I am thinking to myself, man, maybe, maybe he just scared him to death. I do not know. So everybody was out and the guy was there and I said, "Hey," I said, "we are buddies." I said, "Hey, I have got to ask this question. He got ran over by a tank." He says, "Yeah, he did." I said, "Well, look at him." He looked around and he said, "Yeah, watch." He walked over to this guy. Puts hands on both sides and popped it up like he is opening a hood on the car. Underneath was what was really left of the guy. Then he put it back on, fastened it down and they had a shell of this guy's body. I mean, I would have hated to see what happened right over his head. I am thinking to myself, wow.

My worst experience, probably should not even tell you this, my worst experience. Big old funeral home up someplace in New England. Everybody was gone and I had to meet the guy out back, but he was not there. So I do not, I am out there. They are all in, they are ready to go. Man, I have got this funeral home. I have got to get to the back. Where is this guy? So I said, "Well, I have got to get going, man. That captain is going to have me for dinner." So I started and I walk into this room trying to get to the back and it is dark and I turn the light on. Guess who is hanging from the ceiling? Some 70, 80 year old lady, they were embalming. She is hung up like this and I turn the light on. Whoo! I was out of there so fast. I did not care who blew taps that day. I was gone, man. That was the worst experience of my life. I got in the back and the guy

said, "What took you so long?" I said, "Do not ask, buddy." I said, "Oh, but I met the old lady that is hanging in the room there." He laughed and said, "Oh yeah, we have got to get her done tonight." I said, "Yeah, you better. She is getting a little ripe." But anyway, I am telling you, when you get in that grave, you rot. They dug up Lee Harvey Oswald 26 years after they buried him. Supposedly he killed Kennedy. There were lots of rumors around that he was not really buried there. They dug him up 26 years later. Nobody really cared about burying him in the first place. No, they did not have any pallbearers. Nobody would come. They had to bury, there were cemeteries that would not take him. He had the cheapest casket on the planet. They put a little stone casing over top of it. When they dug him up, the casing had cracked and broken, and water had gotten into the casket. Oh, you ought to see how he looked. They dug up Abraham Lincoln three times. Because people kept thinking, "He ain't dead. He ain't dead. He ain't dead." He is dead. The last time, you could not even tell it was him. The second time was 10, 15 years. They had a resemblance to him. He had mold all over his face. I will not even tell you what it was like the last time. Who wants to know? I will tell you. No, I am just kidding. Who wants to know? I will tell you. No, I am just kidding.

They lay in the grave. Now death feeds on you. Down through history. I think about this all the time. The great sex goddesses of the silver screen. The great teenage idols, men and women who are held up as sex symbols. Elizabeth Taylor, Jane Mansfield, Marilyn Monroe, Hugh Hefner, the Playmate of the Month, Nicole Simpson, Anna Nicole Smith, Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., JFK, RFK, Larry Flynt. You know, spirit of falsehood. Greatest, another great example. Hugh Hefner, you know who he was. He is the guy that was over at the Playboy magazine, Playmate of the Month Club and all that stuff. Before he died, he spent, I do not know how many, hundreds of thousands of dollars buying the, Marilyn Monroe is in a, she is not in the ground. She is in one of those wall crypts. He spent, I do not know how many, a hundred thousand dollars to buy the one on top of her. Then his last wish was that he would be buried upside down over Marilyn Monroe. His saying was, "For all of eternity, I am going to be with Marilyn Monroe on top of her body." "And in hell, he lifted up his eyes." What a fallacy that is. What a, where does that come from? Where does the mind of unsaved man come up with that stuff? You are going to have sex after you die with Marilyn Monroe? Let me tell you something. You dig her up 30 years, 20 years, 10 years after she has been buried, you would have to turn your head to keep from vomiting, spiritual falsehood. Oh yeah, I am going to get buried upside down over Marilyn Monroe. Oh, I would be in a sexual position with Marilyn Monroe for all, "and in hell, he lifted up his eyes." The reality of the spirit of falsehood is that book. You think that is something? When you get to the Great White Throne Judgment and you see them standing there with the filthy rags dripping off of their bodies and been in a lake of fire for God knows how long, burning, smelling, stinking, flesh dripping off their bodies. Death feeds on you.

Another YouTube thing I liked was the way people were buried. One guy loved to ride his Harley. When he died, his desire was that they seated him on his Harley, he is dead now, put him on the back of a trailer and drove him around town for the last ride and then when they buried him, they dug a hole and buried him on the Harley in the hole. Somebody says, "What do you think about that?" "In hell, he lifted up his eyes." That is what I think about it. That is no

different than the Pharaoh being buried with their servants and their boats and their food and their riches. It is a different time period. The Bible says, I am going to go back to the Bible, it is a different time period. As Ecclesiastes chapter 7, verse 2 tells us:

Ecclesiastes 7:2

2. It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.

But we do not, spirit of falsehood. Bible says it all, flesh is grass. Get it down, all flesh is grass. Where do you see God riding a lawnmower?

V. God's Invitation and the Contrast

Look at verse 15 through 20. After the warning, now we see the invitation.

Psalms 49:15-20

15. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

16. Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

17. For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

18. Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.

19. He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

20. Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

Now after this warning, he said, "But God will redeem your soul." You see this quite often in the Bible. The most notable place is at the end of your Bible where in Revelation chapter 18, 19, 20, tribulation, second coming, God's judgment and all that stuff. When he gets to chapter 22, about right in the middle of the chapter, he stops and he offers one final invitation for men and women to trust Christ as their own personal Savior. What are you doing here? What are you doing here? What are you doing here?

He says, verse 16, "Be not afraid." Be not afraid of what you see in this life. Do not be afraid when the rich gets richer and the glory of his house is increased. Do not be afraid of that. Do not covet that, do not want that. When they add to their wealth, you add to your faith. When they build their reward and inherit it from the lake of fire, you build the true riches of Luke chapter 16, verse 11, and you build your house. Here is the difference. There is a difference between the rich and the poor. The poor are not afraid of that. Here is the difference, verse 17: "When he dieth, he shall carry nothing with him. His glory shall not descend after him." Now we are back in verse 2 again. God, no respecter of persons. It is for the high and the low, kings and the queens and the bums, both rich and poor.

Another thing I learned from the funeral directors, maybe you do not want to do this anymore, this is 40 some years ago, maybe longer than that, 50 years ago. The only money you take, you do not take anything with you. The only money, this is a joke now, you want to put this in my book. The only money you take with you when you die are the pennies they stick up your nose to keep the embalming fluid from leaking out. That is all you get. That is why Barb saves pennies. He is going to make sure I do not leak. I am telling you.

1 Timothy 6:7

7. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Verse 17 of this verse, "He shall carry nothing out." You do not take anything with you. All you have, all you have worked your life for, all you have built. Bible talks about it over there in one of the Minor Prophets, he says it is a bag with holes. All your life you are putting stuff in that bag. Oh, got this, I have got to have this, have got to have that. Oh, have got to have one of these. Oh, have got to have two of these. Oh, have got to have this, have got to have this, have got to have this. Oh yeah, yeah. Then you die and you look in your bag and it is gone. There was a hole in your bag and everything you thought was important meant nothing, vanity under the sun. Spirit of falsehood.

Verse 18:

Psalms 49:18

18. Though while he lived, he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.

Notice, he blesses his own self, not God. He had the praise of men, but he never gave the praise to God. Last Sunday I showed you the original issue of Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14, Lucifer and his fall. Remember that? We went through the whole thing. The four characteristics that you find in him that made him do what he did against God were four things: one, his pride; two, his beauty; three, his wisdom; four, his riches. You will find those are the same four things that an unsaved man or woman, God's people too, will put into their lives today.

Verse 19:

Psalms 49:19

19. He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

Now, this is a very telling verse worthy of our attention. In your family of generations, you will produce few generations of a heavenly inheritance or a future generation of a godless generation that will be dying for us in the book of Job. Two places. First off, look at Job chapter 21. You will want to see this. Here are the two generations that he is talking about. We will let the Bible determine its own context.

Job 21:10-14

10. Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.

11. They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

12. They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

13. They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.

14. Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

What is the old way? No, no, no, no, no, no. See that? It is not, it is not, it is not, it is not "who is the Almighty," it is "what is the Almighty." Do you see where we are at? It is not "who is He," it is "what is He?"

Job 21:15

15. What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

Now there it is. Modern day America. Now look at Job chapter 22. Let us get a context right across the page.

Job 22:15-20

15. Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?

16. Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood:

17. Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?

18. Yet he filled their houses with good things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

19. The righteous see it, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn.

20. Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth.

Now I want you to know, look at verse 16, the context, is somebody cut down with a flood? That is Noah's flood. Now you know what you want to mark beside that verse? Luke 17:26:

Luke 17:26

26. And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

This is our generation right here. There are two things this generation has in common. One, no truth, two, no light. "And they shall never see light" when they die. Eternal darkness forever. "And in hell he lifted up his eyes," spirit of falsehood.

Lastly, verse 20:

Psalms 49:20

20. Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

America has men of honor, presidents, senators, congressmen, they have the distinction of a title that brings them honor, but there is no understanding of anything. When God looks down from

heaven, as I already told you, and sees the inhabitants of this planet, he sees a bunch of barnyard animals. Both barnyard animals and man on planet Earth follow the three basic instincts of life without God. One is self-preservation, two, self-gratification, and three, self-propagation. Now he has honor from man, but no light from God, no truth from God, therefore no understanding of God. So now we are saying, "What is the Almighty?" Not "who," "what is the Almighty?" They do not even know anymore.

Micah 2:11

11. If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of these people.

There it is. I have dealt with a lot of people for a lot of years, hundreds, maybe probably thousands. If there is any one thing that I have learned about people, human nature that comes out of this message today, is that a lie is always easier to believe than the truth. Because with a lie comes the spirit, spirit of falsehood. So you have people getting up in this country, they talk about, "We are going to make America great again. We are going to have a new deal. We are going to have a golden society. It is okay, eat, drink, and be merry. Have a good time. Everything is going to be fine. Enjoy this, enjoy that, enjoy that." They lie to you because of the spirit of falsehood and people look at them as the prophet instead of the book that you have in your hand. I believe almost absolutely nothing the news media tells me, the government tells me, or anybody tells me. All I believe, whatever they tell me, if I can find it and balance it in that book. I do not judge by appearances. I judge by a righteous judgment. The Word of God. But when the Word of God has been taken from you, all you have is a spirit of falsehood and it descends like a mist, like a fog, like a very thin mist of fog that just sweeps down the street and envelops everything. Pretty soon, everybody in America has lost any concept of reality, truth, God, or God's judgment. Now instead of facing eternity with a holy God or a judgment seat of Christ with a holy God, we build our barns and fill them up with everything that we want to have.

Years ago, there was an evangelist that was preaching in a Midwestern town. He preached every night. Scores of people got saved. But there was one wealthy businessman who sat in the back, came every night, never got saved. This man preached his heart out about the world and what you have and its worthlessness and God this and God that and God's judgment and how it is all going to end in time and he preached his heart out. The last night he preached after he was done, he was shaking hands and that rich man walked up to him. He says, "Preacher, can I talk to you for a second?" He says, "Sure, absolutely." He pulled him over to the side and he says, "Preacher, I have been here every night." He says, "I do not know if you know me or not, but I literally own this town. I brought the Walmart here, I brought this people here, I brought this here, this is my town. I heard what you said all week, but I want you to know, I have more money than I can ever spend. I have everything I could ever want. Here it is in September, I have farmland all through this thing, all my crops are in, all my barns are in, my barns are full and here it is September and I have got everything I could want." How do you answer that? The old preacher looked at him and said, "It is easy. God does not settle accounts in September." You will get it later, spirit of falsehood.

This is why I am pushing for the Bible conference for us to have. This is why I am asking everybody who claims to be a member of this church to block that week off. We are living in a world where the spirit of falsehood permeates everything we do. We need to have a block of time that we get bathed in nothing but the truth. I know as well as everyone I am standing up, some will not come, that is okay. There are other things you have or you have an axe to grind about something so you are just, you know, that is okay, that is okay. God will get here who He wants to have here. God will do the work that He wants to do in our lives because where we are going next year, what is on the level that we are at now and where we go next year, we are going to meet the spirit of falsehood head on. Not just here but around the world. We need to be ready. We need to be prepared. We need as a body, a church, God's people, a congregation. We need to link arms together and say, "You know what? We are going to give God this week." One, we are going to give those missionaries the support that they need and two, we are going to give God the support He is looking for of being here and letting God speak to my heart. Let God be God and do what God does. Psalms 48, life on planet earth, Book of Ecclesiastes, nothing new under the sun. That is all vanity, spirit of falsehood.

Father, thank You for today. Thank You for the Lord Jesus. Thank You for these good people. Pray now, Father, today that You will take what we have talked about, what we have preached about, what we have labored and unburdened our hearts on, that You will go from heart to heart, spirit to spirit, truth to truth, and let my people see the reality of the day that we live, the job to be done and the camaraderie that it takes to get it done. We will be careful, Lord, we will always be careful to give You the honor and the glory and the preeminence of everything that we do. Bless our time today, bless the young men and moms and dads in this church. Bless the preachers that are coming to us, even though it is two months out. Bless them, prepare their hearts. I know they are praying over what they are going to give us. God, I know You will bring to us through these men exactly what this church and my people need. Thank You, Father, we love You. We thank You for putting us together in these last days. We thank You for giving us the book that will keep us together in these last days. Let my preaching be always straight, hot, and true. Do not let me quit. Do not let me worry about what somebody thinks about the truth. Let me preach the truth, as I have done for over 50-some years, and we will thank You and praise You in Jesus' name, for His sake we ask it. Amen.