

SELECTED PSALMS PHASE 2

PSALM 49 PART B

Answers for Review Questions

1. **Answer:**

- (a) Wealth (b) salvation (c) futility (d) material (e) urging (f) spiritual (g) death (h) earth
(i) cannot (j) eternity Page 9

2. **Answer:**

It's referring to the fool's way or course of life. It is their "**folly**" for a man to cherish these hopes; to feel that wealth is of such importance; to imagine that it can deliver from the grave; to suppose that he can perpetuate his own name, and secure his possessions in his family upon the earth.

For more information, see Page 2.

3. **Answer:**

- (a) False.
(b) This is a powerful, poetic image depicting the inevitable and helpless nature of death for those who trust in worldly wealth and power, comparing them to sheep that are led to the slaughter house.

For more information, see Page 3.

4. **Answer:**

The just or pious would have some kind of ascendancy or superiority over those who reject God. Page 3

5. **Answer:**

Item (c) The day of the resurrection Page 4

6. **Answer:**

- (a) "**But**" as used in Psa. 49:15, signifies a turning point, indicating that despite human inability to save themselves from death, God has the power to change that narrative. This reflects the Biblical theme of God's redemptive power and His ability to intervene in human affairs, offering hope and salvation.
- (b) "**Redeem**": The word signifies a "ransom" or "buy-back," implying that God will rescue the believer from the clutches of death as if paying a price to set them free. God will deliver His people from the grasp of death and the grave (see Hosea 13:14).

Paul reproduced a part of this verse (Hosea 13:14) to declare that the Christian shall not be totally overcome by death (see 1 Cor. 15:55). Page 5

7. **Answer:**

Item (c) . . . ultimately brought into God's presence. Page 5

8. **Answer:**

"He shall receive me" (Psa. 49:15b): literally, **"He shall take me."** The general idea conveyed here is, that God would take hold of him, and save him from the dominion of the grave; from the power which death exercise over the dead. For more information, see Page 6.

9. **Answer:**

One way to avoid fearing the wicked when they increase in wealth is to remember that wealth does not prove favor with God. (Psa. 49:10-13). Etc. For more information, see pages 6-7.

10. **Answer:**

Item (c) While the godless rich enjoy their wealth Page 6

11. **Answer:**

Item (d) the reality of his eternal future Page 8

12. **Answer:**

The phrase, **"He shall go to the generation of his fathers; . . ."** (Psa. 49:19a): Means, that he (the wealthy when deceased) will unite again with those who have gone before, in the regions of the dead. Death had indeed separated them, but by death they are united again (he will join his ancestors). Page 9

13. **Answer:**

". . . They shall never see light." (Psa. 49:19b): The rich sinner will die as others have done before him, leaving all his earthly possessions, and will no more be permitted to revisit the world where his forsaken possessions are, and will not even be permitted to **look** on what before had been such a source of self-confidence, self-gratulation and pride. Etc. For more information, see Pages 9-10.

14. **Answer:**

(a) Material (b) life (c) praise (d) heaped (e) others (f) eternity (g) separated (h) darkness
Pages 9-10

15. **Answer:**

Some things the self-reliant do not understand and as implied in Psa. 49:6-10, 15 are:

- (a) Trusting in their wealth is baseless . . . it is a false sense of security (v. 6).
- (b) Their wealth cannot save him of his brother (v. 7).
- (c) Their wealth cannot save their souls (v. 8)
- (d) Their wealth cannot deliver them from eternal damnation – they need a Redeemer (Vv. 8-9)
- (e) Their wealth cannot deliver them! Jesus gives victory over death and the grave! (v. 15)

Pages 10-11

16. **Answer:**

“ . . . Is like the beast that perish ” (Psa. 49:20b) . . . *this phrase is stating in reference to the rich as noted in our text:* In reality, they (the self-reliant wealthy) live only for this life! They have no higher nature than that which pertains to their personal needs, carnal gratifications and the glory of the world and they live accordingly.

Scripture reminds the reader that those who reject God and rely on money lack understanding. No different from the lowliest animal and will die similarly. (Psa. 49:10;

Ecc. 3:19)

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