

Volume 2 Books of Poetry Psalm 49:1 – 3

"Hear this, all peoples; Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, low and high, rich and poor together. My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall give understanding." Psalm 49:1-3

The whole of this psalm brings us face to face with one immutable truth – man's riches, no matter how vast, can never ransom his soul from sin and the ultimate death that relentlessly stalks him. Our riches are worthless in exchange for anything eternal in nature.

As wisdom speaks of these eternal truths it is far too easy for the believer to not hear what the Spirit is saying. It is easier to hear what we want to hear rather than listen to something that disturbs or disrupts our comforts. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

To "hear" or to "give ear" implies not only the hearing of sound but an understanding and a heart poised to obey. This "hearing" demands the high and rich of society to bow their heads and hearts before the rightness of Wisdom's voice. To the lowly and poor in life it may require the boldness to lift up their heads to see that the Lord would indeed speak to those in such lowly caste!!

"Lord, I acknowledge to You today that my might and plans, my cunning and abilities, my talents, and yes, my money, cannot purchase for me an audience before You. Thank You Lord for the free gift of life and grace that You alone offer in Your Son, Jesus Christ!"

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