

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Favorite Psalms Bible Study - Part 2

Psalm 49:1-9 Lesson #1

**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.

1-4 Hear this, all you peoples; **give ear, all you inhabitants of the world**, both low and high, rich and poor together. My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall bring understanding. **I will incline my ear to a PROVERB; I will disclose my DARK SAYING** on the harp.

•**Psalm 78:1-3** “Give _____, O My _____, to My law; incline your _____ to the _____ of My mouth. I will _____ My _____ in a _____; I will utter dark _____ of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.”

Definition: “I will incline my ear to a PROVERB; I will disclose my DARK SAYING” – This is a prophecy concerning Jesus and the type of teaching He would do. Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables, on purpose, in order to hide the real spiritual truth from **those who weren't really interested in following Him**, but the meaning could be discerned by those people who really did want to know the truth and follow Jesus. **A parable is a short story to illustrate a spiritual truth.** A parable has one main point, and we are not supposed to take every detail and make a doctrine out of it. Calling a proverb a “dark saying” as it does here, merely means that the truth of the story is obscured (“hidden by darkness”) to the unbelieving, sort of like a riddle, and only able to be **discovered by the TRUE believers in Christ.**

•**Mark 4:2** “Then He _____ them many things in _____, and said to them in His _____.”

•**Mark 4:10-13** “But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve _____ Him about the _____. And He said to them, ‘To you it has been given to _____ the _____ of the _____ of _____; but to those who are _____, all things come in _____, so that “Seeing they may see and not _____, and _____ they may not _____; lest they should turn, and their sins be forgiven them.”’ And He said to them, ‘Do you not _____ this _____? How then will you _____ all the _____?’”

5 **Why should I FEAR in the DAYS of EVIL**, when the iniquity at my heels surrounds me?

•**Psalm 23:4-5** “Yea, though I _____ through the _____ of the shadow of _____, I will _____ no _____; for _____ are _____; Your rod and Your staff they _____ me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my _____; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.”

•**Proverbs 1:33** “But whoever listens to _____ will dwell _____, and will be _____, without _____ of _____.”

•**Psalm 34:4 & 6** “I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and _____ me from _____ my _____. This poor man cried out, and the _____ heard him, and _____ him out of _____ his _____.”

Definition: “Why should I FEAR in the DAYS of EVIL” – The “days of evil” just means the times

we are living in. It seems like there is ALWAYS something bad, scary, and uncertain going on, no matter what era we are living in. God has promised to take care of us and get us through even the most trying and dangerous times and situations. The rest of verse 5 says, "when the iniquity at my heels surrounds me", which would mean **being fearful that God will not forgive all your sins** (iniquity means sins, sinful behavior). God has also promised to forgive us of ALL our sins and iniquities through Jesus Christ, so **if you have received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, ALL your sins are forgiven, and there is NO reason to FEAR.**

• **Psalm 27:1** "The Lord is my _____ and my salvation; whom shall I _____? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be _____?"

• **Colossians 1:12-14** "Giving thanks unto the Father, who has _____ us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in _____; he has delivered us from the power of _____, and has _____ us into the kingdom of the Son of His love; in whom we have redemption through His _____, even the _____ of _____."

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

• **I John 1:5-7** "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is _____ and in Him is no _____ at all. If we say that we have _____ with Him, and walk in _____, we _____ and do not practice the _____. But if we _____ in the _____ as He is in the _____, we have fellowship with one another, and the _____ of _____ Christ His Son _____ us from _____."

• **I John 4:17-18** "_____ has been _____ among us in this: that we may have _____ in the _____ of _____; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no _____ in _____; but perfect _____ casts out _____, because _____ involves torment (judgment, punishment). But he who _____ has _____ been made perfect in _____."

Definition: "Of whom shall I be AFRAID?" – If God is on our side, and is our Defender, who can come against us? They may try, but they will ultimately fail, because God is our Protector. We do not need to be afraid of anyone or anything as long as we are walking rightly with the Lord.

• **Psalm 34:7 & 19-20** "The _____ of the Lord encamps all around those that fear (reverence) Him, and _____ them." (Verses 19-20) "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the _____ him _____ of them _____. He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken."

• **Psalm 86:5 & 15** "For You, Lord, are _____, and ready to _____; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon You." "You, O Lord, are a God _____ of _____, and _____, long-suffering (patient), and plenteous in _____ and truth."

• **Hebrews 13:5-6** "...He Himself has said, 'I will _____ leave you, nor _____ you', so that we may boldly say, 'The Lord is my _____, and I will _____'....."

6-9 **Those who TRUST in their WEALTH and BOAST in the multitude of their RICHES, none of them can by any means REDEEM his brother, nor give to God a RANSOM for him – for the REDEMPTION of their SOUL is COSTLY, and it shall cease forever – that he should continue to live eternally, and not see the pit.**

• **I Timothy 6:17-19** "Command those who are _____ in this present age

_____ to be _____, nor to _____ in uncertain
_____ but in the living _____, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.
Let them do good, that they be _____ in _____, ready
to _____, willing to _____, storing up for themselves a good
foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

Definition: “NOT to be HAUGHTY, nor to TRUST in UNCERTAIN RICHES but in the LIVING GOD”

– Haughty means proud, prideful, arrogant. Paul is advising Timothy to warn members of his church, if they are rich, **not to be proud and think they are better than others, and not to think that their MONEY will save them.** Our trust and hope should ONLY be in GOD Himself, not in what material things we have here on earth.

● **Proverbs 6:16-19** “These six things the Lord _____, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a _____ look, a _____ tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises _____, feet that are swift in running to evil, a _____ witness who _____, and one who sows discord among brethren.”

● **James 4:3-4 & 6** “You _____ and do not _____, because you _____ amiss (with wrong motives), that you may spend it on your pleasures (for your own desires). You adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity (hatred) with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” (Verse 6) “.....Therefore He says, “God _____ the _____, but gives grace to the _____.”

● **1 Peter 5:5-7** “God _____ the _____, but gives _____ to the humble. _____ yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting _____ your _____ (worry, anxiety, FEAR) upon Him, because He _____ for you.”

● **1 Timothy 6:9-10** “But those who desire to be _____ fall into _____ and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful _____ which _____ men in _____ and perdition. For the _____ of _____ is a root of all kinds of _____, for which some have strayed from the _____ in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many _____.”

Definition: “The LOVE of MONEY is a root of all kinds of EVIL” – This Scripture does NOT say that money is evil, but **the LOVE of that money** is what brings about many kinds of evil and troubles in a person’s life.

● **Psalms 52:7** “Here is the man who did _____ make _____ his _____, but _____ in the abundance of his _____, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.”

● **Psalms 62:10** “Do not trust in oppression, nor vainly hope in robbery; if _____ increase, do _____ set your _____ on _____.”

Definition: “REDEEM his brother, nor give to God a RANSOM for him” – No amount of money, **not even the richest person in the world, can PAY for the SINS of another person and REDEEM their soul from hell.** Only Jesus’ death on the cross and His shedding His blood for us can redeem us and save us from our sins and from eternal punishment in hell.

● **Job 36:18-19** “Because there is wrath, beware lest He take you away with one blow; for a large _____ would _____ help you avoid it. Will your _____, or all the mighty forces, _____ you from _____?”

● **Ephesians 1:7** “In Him we have _____ through His _____,

the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”

● **Colossians 1:14** “In whom we have _____ through His _____, even the _____ of _____.”

● **Acts 20:28** “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He has _____ with his own _____.”

● **Leviticus 17:11** “For the life of the flesh is in the _____; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your _____: for it is the _____ that makes an atonement for the soul.”

● **Hebrews 9:12 & 14** (Verse 12) “Not with the blood of goats and calves (the Old Testament sacrifices), but with His own _____ He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal _____ [for us].”

(Verse 14) “How much more shall the _____ of Christ, who through the eternal _____ offered Himself without spot (without sin) to God, purge your conscience from dead works to _____ the living God?”

● **1 John 1:7** “But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the _____ of _____ His Son _____ us from all _____.”

● **Romans 3:24-25a** “Being justified freely by His _____ through the _____ that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth to be a propitiation by His _____, through faith...”

Definition: “REDEMPTION” — The act of redeeming, **buying back, freeing from captivity** by paying of a RANSOM. **Jesus PAID, with His blood**, for us to be FREED from the CAPTIVITY of SIN.

Definition: “PROPITIATION” — Something that gains the favor or goodwill of someone else. **The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross GAINED GOD’S GOOD WILL AND FAVOR** for us, so that we can enter into RELATIONSHIP with Him.

Definition: “The REDEMPTION of their SOUL is COSTLY, and it shall cease forever” – The Amplified Bible translates this verse as **“For the ransom of a life is too costly, and the price one can pay can never suffice (be enough)”**. Again, **only the PRICE that Jesus PAID on the cross** by shedding His BLOOD for us can PAY for our redemption and salvation. **No human being can ever pay for their sins or another person’s sins.**

● **1 Peter 2:24** “Who _____ bore (took away) our _____ in His own

_____ on the tree (cross), that we, having died to sins, might live for _____ — by whose stripes (wounds) you were healed.”

● **1 John 3:5** “And you know that He was manifested to _____ our _____, and in Him there is no _____.”

● **Titus 3:3-7** “For we ourselves were also once _____, _____, deceived, serving various _____ and _____, living in malice and envy, hateful and _____ one another. But when the _____ and the _____ of God our Savior toward man appeared, _____ by _____ of righteousness which we have done, but according to His _____ He _____ us, by the washing of regeneration (being born again) and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through _____ Christ our Savior, that having been _____ by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of _____ life.”