
PSALMS | AMEN Bible Study 2018-19

A Reality Check

Psalm 49

January 24, 2019

- I. Where do I get my Answers? (1-4)
- II. In What is my Security? (5-9)
- III. What is my Finish Line? (10-12)
- IV. Is Wealth my God or is God my Wealth? (13-15)
- V. How do I live Today? (16-20)

Discussion Questions

1. The psalmist begins by asking for the attention of all people, everywhere – “low and high,” “rich and poor.” In what ways is finding our security in wealth a problem for both the rich and the poor?
2. What are the reasons people seek to prolong their lives at all costs? What are some of the ways people go about doing this?
3. What is the psalmist seeking to do by reminding us of the inevitability of death?
4. How is death the “shepherd” of those who have confidence in themselves?
5. In what ways is “man in his pomp (wealth) yet without understanding” similar to the “beasts (animals) that perish?”

Going Deeper

1. What are some of the examples in your own life of when you have looked to wealth for your security? In what ways are you doing that now?
2. What “understanding” (v. 20) have you gained from this Psalm that you intend to apply to your daily life? How do you plan to do that?