**A PRAYER from Psalm 49 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 49 A MEDITATION ON OUR FINAL DESTINY**

**Psa 49:1** Hear this, fellows! Listen, all you MEN everywhere,

Psa 49:2 great and small alike, rich and poor together.

Psa 49:3 My thoughts will be clear; I will speak words of plain common wisdom.

Psa 49:4 I will turn my attention to proverbs and explain their meaning as I play the harp.

Psa 49:5 As a young Baptist evangelist I am not afraid in times of danger when I am surrounded by enemies,

Psa 49:6 by evil MEN who trust in their riches and boast of their great wealth.

Psa 49:7 We can never redeem ourselves - we must be reborn; we cannot pay the Eternal God the price for our lives and souls,

Psa 49:8 because the payment for a human soul is too great, we must be born again. What we could pay would never be enough

Psa 49:9 to keep us from the grave, to let us live forever in the Heavenly Glory Land.

Psa 49:10 Anyone can see that even the wise die, as well as the foolish and stupid. They all leave their riches to their descendants.

Psa 49:11 Their graves are their homes forever; there they stay for all time, though they once had lands of their own.

Psa 49:12 Our greatness cannot keep us from death; we will still physically die like the animals.

Psa 49:13 See what happens to MEN who trust in themselves, the fate of MEN who are satisfied with their wealth-

Psa 49:14 these MEN are doomed to die like sheep, Death will be their shepherd and Hell their destiny. The righteous will triumph over them, as their bodies quickly decay in the world of the dead far from their homes, and their souls agonize in Hell.

Psa 49:15 But God Himself will rescue me; he will save me from the power of death and provide glorious eternal Life.

Psa 49:16 Don't be upset when a MAN becomes rich, when his wealth grows even greater;

Psa 49:17 he cannot take it with him when he dies; his wealth will not go with him to the grave.

Psa 49:18 Even if a MAN is satisfied with this life and is praised because he is successful,

Psa 49:19 he will join all his ancestors in death, where the darkness lasts forever.

Psa 49:20 Our greatness cannot keep us from death; our bodies will still die like the animals, but our souls will be in God’s presence forever.