

Questions:

Psalm 49

1. What do the introductory verses 1-4 tell us?
2. This Psalm answers a common question Christians, especially those under persecution, ask about the rich and prosperous. What is that question?
3. What do verse 7-9 tell us about the “ransom” that men might pay in desperation? What is the only effective ransom?
4. In verses 10-12, how can man become like the beasts? From elsewhere in scripture, what is different about humans?
5. What is “Sheol” in verses 14-15 (or another word, depending on translation)?
6. Where in this passage do we find a glimpse of life after death?
7. What comfort can we find in verses 16-20?

Psalm 50

8. In what role/aspect does God appear in this Psalm?

9. Who are the witnesses called by God to observe His judgment?

10. Do verses 7-10 say that sacrifices are useless?

11. What sacrifices are pleasing to God?

12. What conduct is the Lord criticizing in verses 16-20?

13. What mistake is pointed out in verse 21?

14. What is God's final counsel?