

We will begin the 11th lecture on the book of Psalms. /Today's message starts from Psalm 49. /God is a profound God.

/Verses 1-4. Let us read. /Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together! My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.

/Verse 1 says, "Hear this, all peoples!" / "Give ear, all inhabitants of the world." /What should we listen to? /We should listen to God's word. /It is the word of truth. /We must have ears that hear the word of truth.

/Revelation chapters 2 and 3 say to the churches, "Whoever has an ear, let him hear." /Verse 2 says that the low, high, rich, and poor together should give ear! /This is the word of wisdom. /It is the word that enlightens us. /It is the word of the proverbs.

/It is a profound word. /It is God's word of life. /It is the word of truth. /The more we come to discover the world, the more it becomes the world of the profound God.

/Verses 5-12. /Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, that he should live on forever and never see the pit. For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others. Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names. Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.

/No one can use their wealth to save their lives. /People who are wealthy trust in their wealth. /The rich person boasts in his riches. /Verse 7 says, "Truly no man can ransom another, /or give to God the price of his life."

/Because the price for redeeming a life is too high, no one is able to pay the price. /Everyone eventually goes into his own grave. /No one lives forever. /The wise person dies. /The fool and the lowly die as well.

/What happens to their wealth? /God divides the wealth among other people. /These people may have owned land under their name. They say, "This is my land." /However, God does not acknowledge it.

/The person's name is stamped onto a piece of paper. /In fifty years, will this person own the land? /Will he be the owner after one hundred years? /In the end, everything belongs to God. /People think that their wealth belongs to them.

/That is why Jesus says that the wealth of men is unrighteous wealth. Luke 16:9

/Jesus tells us to use our unrighteous wealth to make friends. /Matthew chapter 6 talks about this. /Who is our friend? /Jesus is our friend. /We need to use the wealth that God has given us to draw closer to God.

/Wealth does not offer salvation. /Someone may be honorable, but he does not live forever. /When people die, they are no different than beasts. /When we die, no value remains. /During times of war, many people die.

/What value is there to man? /Sometimes, people fight with each other and some people die. /Sometimes, people work hard, and then they die. /Some people die from extreme exhaustion. /Some become ill and die. /What value is there to these people? /There is true value only in the believers who serve God.

/Verses 13-15. /This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. *Selah* Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell. But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. *Selah*

/We pay the price of our sins in death. /Non-believers descend into Sheol. /Like sheep, they are appointed for Sheol. /Sheol is the grave, or a pit. /It is where people go when they die. /Everyone is bound to die.

/Verse 14 says that death, who is their shepherd, leads the sheep away. /How happy are we to be believers of Jesus when we are alive? /Do you realize how blessed we are to be forgiven of our sins?

/Verses 16-20. /Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases. For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him. For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed —and though you get praise when you do well for yourself— his soul will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never again see light. Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

/Let's say that a man becomes rich. /His glory increases. /However, do not be afraid of him or do not envy him. /Verse 17 says that he will carry nothing away when he dies. /His glory does not go with him.

/He is simply enjoying his riches while he spends his short time in this world. /Verse 20 says that man may be in his pomp, but without understanding, he is like the beasts that perish. /We too must realize this. /We must listen to the word of God.

/Believers! Have ears that listen. /We must have spiritual ears and ears of faith in order for us to hear. /We need to give thanks to God for these ears.

/We will continue with Psalm 50. /God is a righteous God. /Verse 6 says that the heavens declare his righteousness.

/Verses 1-6. /The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! *Selah*

/The Almighty God is speaking. /God summons everyone from the rising of the sun to its setting. /In verse 2, God shines his light on them. /He is making it so that the light of the gospel shines on every person.

/God shines his light of salvation. /He wants us to receive that light. /He wants us to come forth into the light of life. /Verse 3 says that our God comes. /We are waiting for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

/He is the Lord who judges. /Verse 3 says, "Before him is a devouring fire, /around him a mighty tempest." /Jeremiah 5:14 talks about a fire. /The word will become a fire. /In verse 4, God judges the people.

/Verse 5 says, "Gather to me my faithful ones." /It says that they are ones "who made a covenant with me by sacrifice." /We have made a covenant with God. /We have made a covenant of the love of God. /We have made a covenant of salvation. /Through Jesus Christ, we have received the promise. /This is a covenant of atonement.

/Verses 7-15. /"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

/What does God desire? /He says, "Hear, O my people." /Because God speaks, we must hear, and we must obey. /Verse 8 says that God does not rebuke us for our sacrifices. /What kind of offering does God want?

/Does God delight in many offerings? /What does God delight in? /In the Old Testament times, people sacrificed livestock as offerings. /This symbolizes Jesus Christ's blood of redemption.

/Verse 14 says that we must offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving. /We must have a heart of thanksgiving when we worship God. /We also must keep the vows we make with

God. /In verse 15, we must cry out to God in the day of trouble. /We must glorify God. / God desires our hearts.

/Isaiah 29:13 says that /the people honor God with their lips. /However, their hearts are away from God. /Does God desire the flesh of bulls? /Does he delight in the blood of goats?

/What is important is our hearts that love God. /Believers! Do you love God? /Is there anything you love more than you love God? /Do you trust in God? /Is there anything you trust in other than God?

/Are you satisfied in God alone? /Are you making any excuses? /We have our spiritual idols. /Is there anything we love more than God? /God does not delight in many offerings.

/We can be thankful to God for the grace we receive. /We can offer things to God. /We can offer our houses. /We can give our land. /We can offer God the money we possess. / However, the most important thing is offering our hearts.

/Verses 16-18. /But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers.

/God is speaking. / “What right have you to recite my statutes /or take my covenant on your lips?” /Here it says, “Or take my covenant on your lips?” /God’s name is insulted because of the believer. /We can see this in Romans 2:24.

/The verse says, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.” / Verse 17 says, “For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.” /They are people who cast God’s words behind them.

/Verse 18 says, “If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, /and you keep company with adulterers.” /Who is the thief? /The thief is someone who does not pay tithes, /does not keep the Sabbath, /and does not keep the word of God. /His heart agrees with the adulterer. /It means the believer is in love with the world.

/If we love people or money more than /we love God, /we are like the adulterers. /Some believers are of one mind with the wicked. /Some believers are not interested in doing things in faith.

/Verses 19-23. /“You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you. “Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! The one who offers thanksgiving as his

sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”

/Evil exits the mouths of the wicked. /Their tongues are deceitful. /Verse 20 says that they sit and speak against their brother. /They slander their brother. /Verse 22 says they forget God. /They have completely forgotten about God.

/God says, “Mark this, then, you who forget God.” / “Lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!”

/Verse 23 reads, “The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me.” /Who is our worship intended for? /Believers! For whom do you gather every Sunday and worship? /Do we worship for people? /We worship God.

/God desires a sacrifice of thanksgiving. /He who does this glorifies God. /He is someone who is upright in his actions. / God shows his salvation to this person. /He is someone who obeys the word of God. /He orders his way rightly.

/We will continue with Psalm 51. /God delights in the believer who has a contrite heart. / We must sincerely repent before God. /Psalm 51 especially includes details on David bringing his sin and repenting before God.

/Verses 1-2. Let us read. /Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

/God, show me your love. /Show me your grace. /Please have mercy on me. /What is mercy? /It is asking God to have pity on me. /The verse says, “Blot out my transgressions.”

/Verse 2 says, “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity.” /Please make me pure. /I know of my transgressions.

/Verses 3-4. /For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

/My sin is ever before me. /I killed Uriah. /I committed adultery with Bathsheba. /My sin is always before me. /We are the same. /Our sins are ever before us.

/Others may not know my sin, /but I know well of my sin. /I have sinned only against the Lord. /It is fair for God to judge me. /God is righteous when he rebukes us. /I was evil from my birth.

/Verses 5-12. /Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the

secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

/I was evil from the day of my birth. /I was a sinner the moment my mother conceived me. /Verse 6 says that God looks at my inward being. /I love God. /I am a person of God. /Verse 7 says, "Purge me with hyssop."

/Hyssop is a plant used in purge ceremonies in the Old Testament times. /Cleanse me of my dirty sins like the way hyssop purges my sins. /My dirty sins that are like a leper will be made clean. /Wash me with your blood, oh Lord.

/Verse 8 says, "Let me hear joy and gladness." /Verse 9 says, "Blot out all my iniquities." /Verse 10 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." /Make me new.

/Verse 11 asks God not to take the Holy Spirit from me. /What does the Holy Spirit do within the believer? /The Holy Spirit inspires us and touches us. /What is the Holy Spirit's inspiration? /It is God persuading us.

/ "Why don't you obey the word of God?" / "How about living according to the will of God?" /The Holy Spirit is melting away our stubbornness. /The Holy Spirit is touching us. /God is encouraging us.

/He says that we are doing a good job. / "You are fighting the good fight!" /What happens when the Holy Spirit takes from us his inspiration? /We cannot do the works of God. /The Holy Spirit must fill us with his inspiration.

/The Holy Spirit is a personality. /The Holy Spirit is God. /He is not a physical object. /Believers! Here is a cup. /Please pour down the Holy Spirit. /Can we pour the Holy Spirit into this cup? /Please pour down the Holy Spirit. /Let us overflow with the Holy Spirit.

/The Holy Spirit is not a physical object. /The Holy Spirit is a personal God. /When the Holy Spirit comes, God comes. /When the Holy Spirit leaves, God leaves. /The Holy Spirit stays in the believer. /The Holy Spirit is with us until the day we die.

/What does it mean that the Holy Spirit leaves us? /It means that the inspiration of the Spirit is gone. /When does the inspiration of the Holy Spirit leave us? /The Holy Spirit leaves /when we believers stray from the truth, /when we go forward in our greed, /and when we lean towards the things of the world. / "Do not take your Holy Spirit from me."

/Verse 12 says, “Restore to me the joy of your salvation.” / “Uphold me with a willing spirit.” /What is a willing spirit? /It is the spirit of joyfully doing the works of God. /The one who has a willing spirit is a believer who has received grace.

/Verses 13-17. /Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

/Verse 13 says, “Then I will teach transgressors your ways, /and sinners will return to you.” /Verse 14 says, “Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation.” /Verse 15 says, “O Lord, open my lips.” /I will sing your praises.

/Verse 16 says, “For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.” / “You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.” /Verse 17 tells us that the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. /A poor spirit.

/We must go before God with a spirit of brokenness and contrition. /We are not confident people. /There are two people who prayed in the temple of God.

/Luke 18:10 tells us that one of them was a Pharisee. /He went confidently before God. /He prayed to God. /He offered tithes. /He fasted. /He faithfully did God’s work.

/The other person who prayed was a tax collector. /He was a tax collector, a sinner. / “I am a sinner. Please forgive me.” /We need to have this kind of contrite heart. /Blessed are those who mourn. Matthew 5:4.

/Verses 18-19. /Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

/Verse 18 says, “Do good to Zion in your good pleasure.” /Do us your good. /David is praying not only for himself, but also for all of Israel. /Please build up the walls of Jerusalem again.

/Verse 19 says, “Then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings.” /Romans 12:1 says, / “Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.”

/We will continue with Psalm 52.

/Verses 1-4. Let us read. /Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? The steadfast love of God endures all the day. Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of

deceit. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right. *Selah*
You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

/There are those who are mighty. /They are people who act violently. /The mighty men
boast of their evil plans. /In verse 2, the tongues of the wicked are sharp like razor. /They
are like sharp razors.

/The wicked say words that hurt other people. /They have deceitful tongues. /These
wicked men benefit because of their lies.

/Verses 5-7. /But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your
tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. *Selah* The righteous shall see and
fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, “See the man who would not make God his refuge,
but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!”

/God destroys the wicked. /The verse says, “He will snatch and tear you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living.” /How scary is this message?

/In verse 7, the wicked trust in the abundance of their riches.

/Verses 8-9. /But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast
love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will
wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.

/Verse 8 reads, “But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.” /Believers trust in
God’s steadfast love. /Believers receive God’s grace and his love.

/God’s comfort is abundant in his believers. /We believers lack nothing. /We trust in God.
/Verse 9 says that I will forever thank the Lord.

/We will continue with Psalm 53.

/Verses 1-3. Let us read. /The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt,
doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good. God looks down from heaven
on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They
have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good,
not even one.

/Fools says that there is no God. /They say that God is dead. /They say that God does not
exist.

/These people are corrupt people. /They do abominable things.

/Verse 2 says that God looks down to see if there is anyone who seeks God. /It says that
God looks down from heaven.

/Verse 3 says that there is none who does good. /There is no one who is righteous.
/Romans 3:10. /We are saved by believing in Jesus.

/Verses 4-6. /Have those who work evil no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God? There they are, in great terror, where there is no terror! For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against you; you put them to shame, for God has rejected them. Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

/In verse 6, God delivers the people of Israel. /God saves us from being prisoners of sin. /Believers! We must remember that God is the one who saves us.

/Our lecture ends here with Psalm 53. We will not be studying Psalm 54 to Psalm 108. We will pick off from Psalm 109 at our next lecture.

/Thank you.