

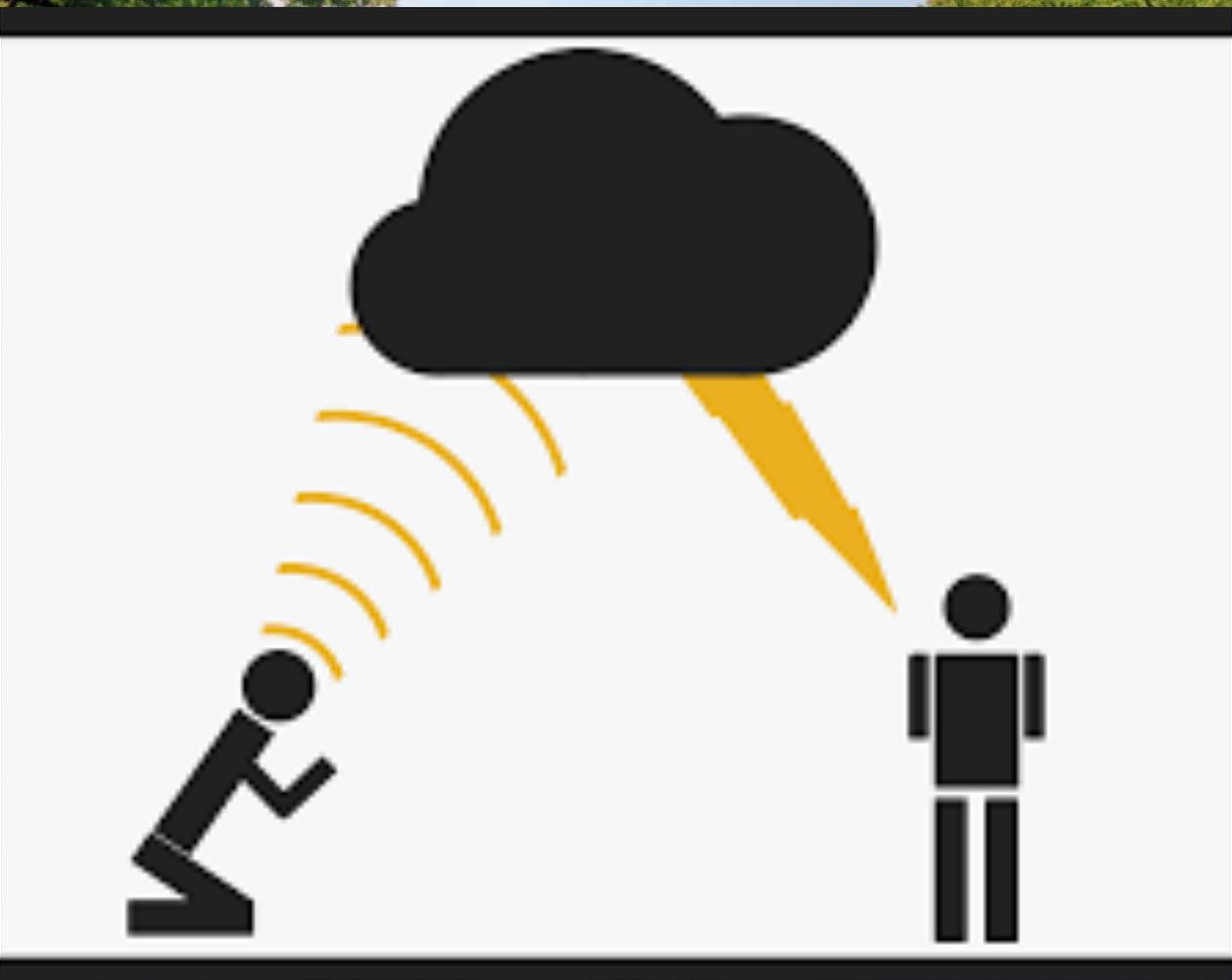


SUMMER
OF
Psalms

Today: Psalm 49

Types of Psalms:

- Lament psalms
- Thanksgiving psalms
- Confessional psalms
- Praise psalms
- Instructional/wisdom psalms (didactic)
- Imprecatory psalms



For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah.

Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world,
both low and high, rich and poor alike:

My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my
heart will give you understanding.

I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound
my riddle:

Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked
deceivers surround me—

those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great
riches?

No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a
ransom for them—

the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—
so that they should live on forever and not see decay.

For all can see that the wise die, that the foolish and the senseless also perish, leaving their wealth to others.

Their tombs will remain their houses forever, their dwellings for endless generations, though they had named lands after themselves.

People, despite their wealth, do not endure; they are like the beasts that perish.

This is the fate of those who trust in themselves, and of their followers, who approve their sayings.

They are like sheep and are destined to die; death will be their shepherd (but the upright will prevail over them in the morning).

Their forms will decay in the grave, far from their princely mansions.

But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead; he will surely take me to himself.

Do not be overawed when others grow rich, when the splendour of their houses increases;
for they will take nothing with them when they die, their splendour will not descend with them.
Though while they live they count themselves blessed — and people praise you when you prosper—
they will join those who have gone before them, who will never again see the light of life.
People who have wealth but lack understanding are like the beasts that perish.

Psalm 49 (NIV)

The parable of the Rich fool

“15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:15-21 (NIV)

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

“17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him.

“Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.

19 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.’ ”

20 “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

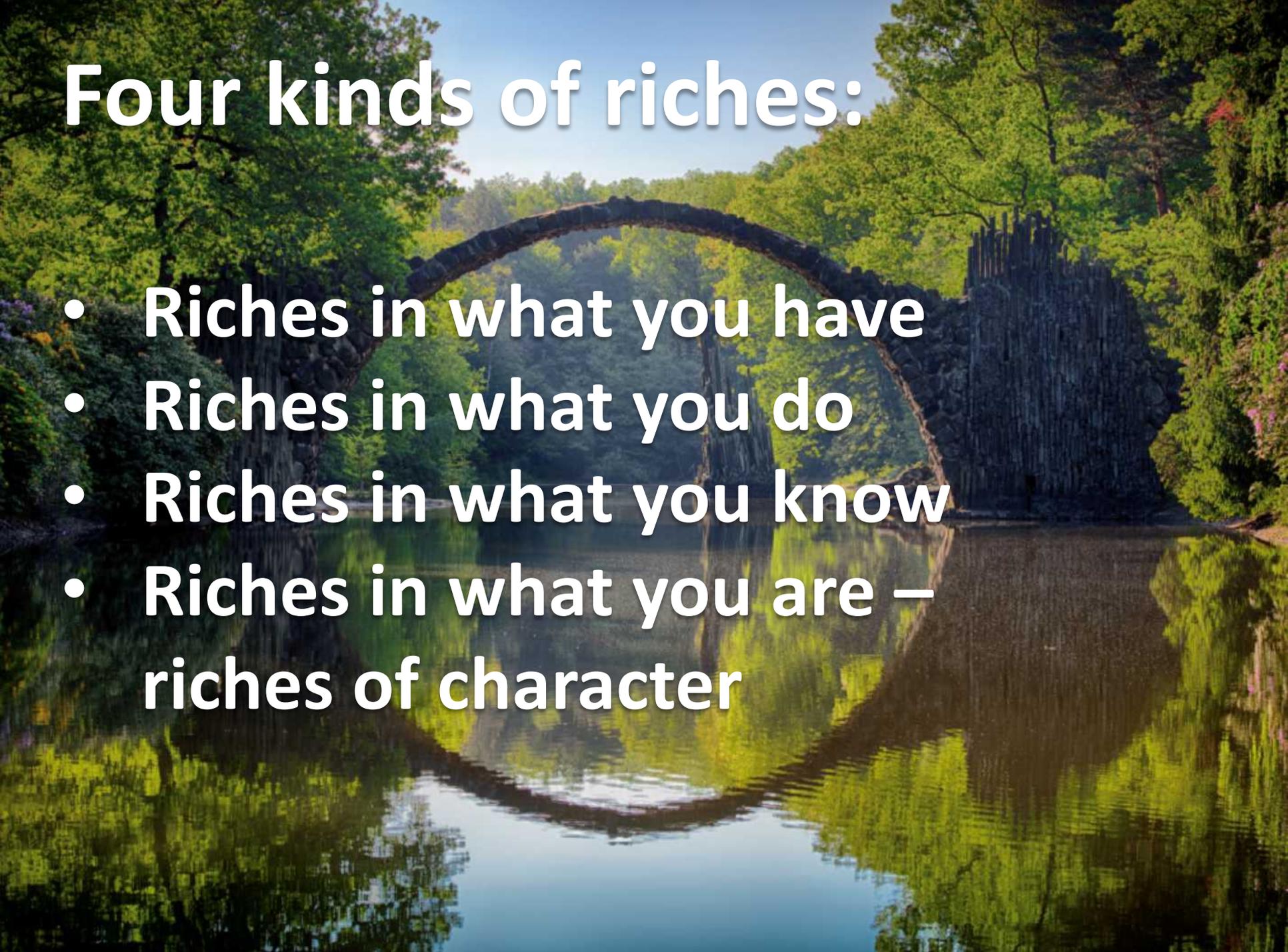
21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

22 At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

Mark 10:17-23 (NIV)

Four kinds of riches:

A scenic landscape featuring a large, dark, arched tree trunk that spans across a river. The river's surface is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery and the arch. In the background, there are dense green trees and a wooden fence on the right side. The sky is a clear, light blue.

- Riches in what you have
- Riches in what you do
- Riches in what you know
- Riches in what you are –
riches of character

“those who trust in their wealth and
boast of their great riches?”

Psalm 49:6 (NIV)

“But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead; he will surely take me to himself.”

Psalm 49:15 (NIV)

BOAST:

- “something you are proud of and like to tell people about”
- “an act of talking with excessive pride and self-satisfaction.”
- “to proudly tell other people about what you or someone connected with you has done or can do...”



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