

Welcome To
Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



*“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” **Col 1:28***

SNBF Summer Schedule

July 12 6-8 PM

26 6-8 PM

Aug. 9 6-8 PM

23 6-8 PM

We will continue meeting weekly in the Fall, starting on
Sept. 13, 5-7 PM.

6 categories of Psalms

1. Royal Psalms.
2. Wisdom Psalms.
3. Lament Psalms.
4. Imprecatory Psalms.
5. Messianic Psalms.
6. Praise Psalms.

Wisdom Psalm

“Entombed Forever”

Psalm 49

June 28, 2015

The Wisdom Psalms

1, 32, 36, 37, 49, 73, 112, 119, 127, 128, 133

1. They are called “Wisdom” because they impart wisdom by instructing us by word and thought. They are sermons rather than addressing God, which many of the Psalms do.
2. The wisdom literature of the Bible includes Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, and selected Psalms.
3. In the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve, in the Fall, exchanged God's wisdom for man's wisdom. So to reverse that, when you become a believer, you begin the journey of exchanging your own worldly wisdom for the wisdom of God.
4. The Bible calls one who rejects the wisdom of God a fool.

Col 3:16

16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

- ***Psalm 49 is one of the great passages in the Bible.***
It is not complex.
It does not require extensive Bible knowledge of:
 - Abrahamic Covenant
 - Palestinian Covenant
 - Mosaic Covenant
 - Davidic Covenant
 - New Covenant
 - Old Testament
 - Prophecy
 - New Testament
- ***Three things you need to know to understand this Psalm:***
 1. People often envy those who are more wealthy than they are.
 2. All people die.
 3. All animals die.
- ***Observation by the Psalmist :*** The wicked are prosperous and rich, and filled with pride and a sense of security but they are no better than the beasts of the field.

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The Folly of Trusting in Riches.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 Hear this, all peoples; Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

2 Both low and high, Rich and poor together.

3 My mouth will speak wisdom , And the meditation of my heart will be understanding.

4 I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will express my riddle on the harp.

5 Why should I fear in days of adversity, When the iniquity of my foes surrounds me,

6 Even those who trust in their wealth And boast in the abundance of their riches?

7 No man can by any means redeem his brother Or give to God a ransom for him

8 For the redemption of his soul is costly, And he should cease trying forever

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Proverb: a brief saying that gives advice about how people should live or that expresses a belief that is generally thought to be true.

“Man in his pomp is like the beasts that perish” (12, 20)

Riddle: a mystifying or puzzling question posed as a problem to be solved

“What is there that is equal between the rich and the poor?”

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Myth #1: Wealthy people can purchase their salvation with large sums of money. (7, 8)

Reality: Only God can purchase salvation through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, and pay the ransom to redeem men's souls.

1 Peter 1:18-19

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

Matt 20:28

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

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Myth #2: Wealthy people do not die. (9-10)

Reality: Wealthy people do die at the same rate and life span as all other people.

Heb 9:27

27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,

Ecc1 2:18-20

18 Thus I hated all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must leave it to the man who will come after me.

19 And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun. This too is vanity.

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Myth #3: Wealthy people are remembered for many generations. (11)

Reality: Wealthy people are forgotten quickly along with everyone else.

Ecc1 8:10

10 So then, I have seen the wicked buried, those who used to go in and out from the holy place, and they are soon forgotten in the city where they did thus.

James 4:14

14 You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

- **Carlos Slim** - \$61.8 billion
- **Stephen Van Rensselaer** - \$68.5 billion
- **Jay Gould** - \$71.2 billion
- **Henry Duke of Lancaster** - \$77.5 billion
- **Frederick Weyerhaeuser** - \$79.4 billion
- **A.T. Stewart** - \$88.9 billion
- **John of Gaunt** - \$101 billion
- **Stephen Girard** - \$105 billion
- **Richard Fitzalan 10th Earl of Arundel** - \$108 billion
- **John Jacob Astor** - \$121 billion
- **William de Warenne** - \$134 billion
- **Alan Rufus** - \$149 billion
- **Cornelius Vanderbilt** - \$185 billion
- **William The Conqueror** - \$209 billion
- **Andrew Carnegie** - \$309 billion
- **John D. Rockefeller** - \$336 billion

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“The more he was fattened with prosperity the more sweetly will death feed on him.”

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Eph 2:1-5

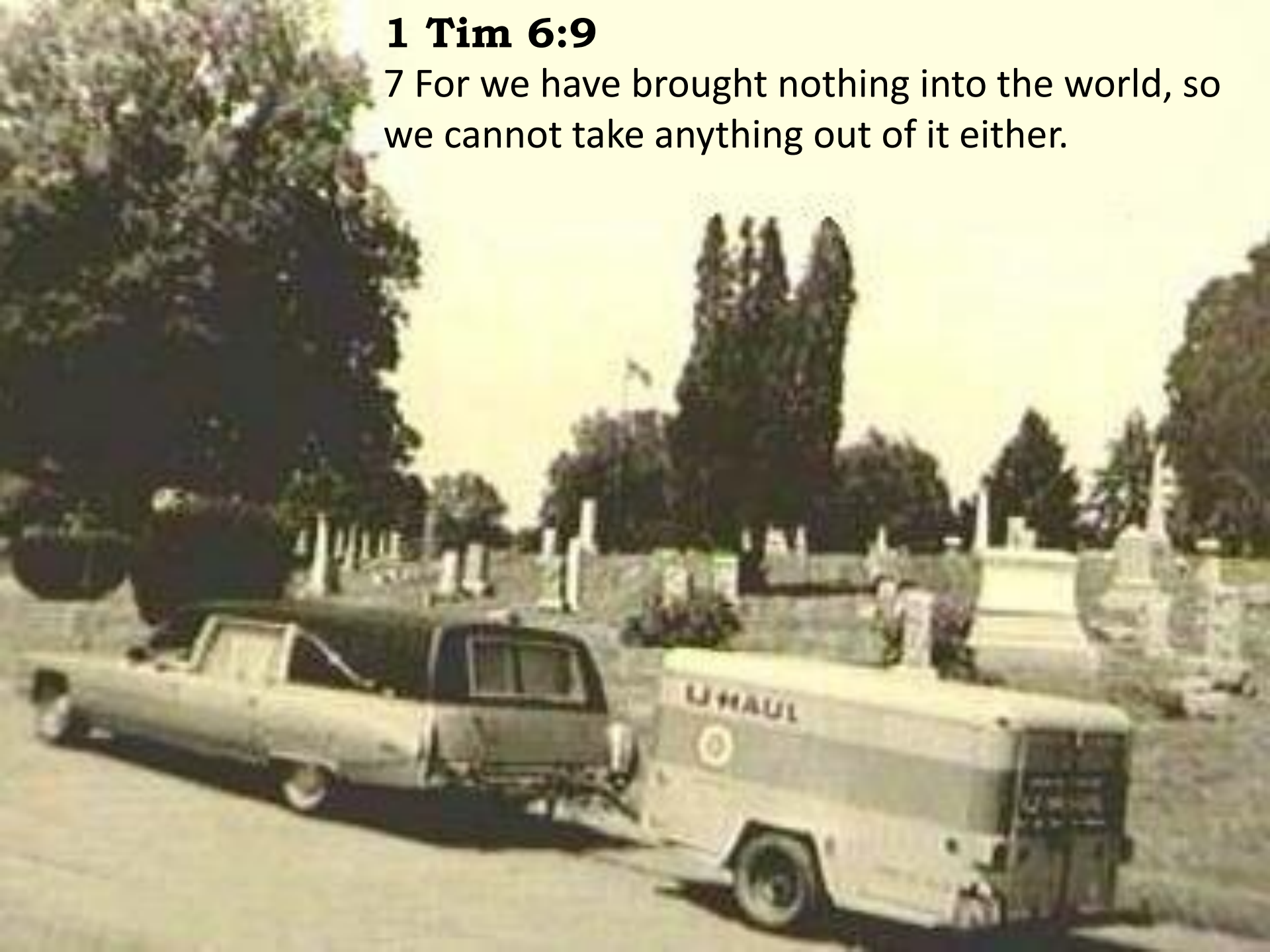
- 1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
- 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.
- 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- 4 **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

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1 Tim 6:9

7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.



***When John Rockefeller died, someone asked his accountant, “How much did Mr. Rockefeller leave?”
The accountant replied, “He left all of it.”***

“STUFF”

“Stuff. We all have it. Men cram it into their wallets and back pockets and dislocate their hips in the process. Women have a bigger place to carry all their stuff: their purses. We carry stuff everywhere that we go. Our cars are filled with stuff, and the trunks of our cars are filled with stuff. For many, the meaning of life is to get more stuff and then find bigger places to put their stuff.

One day you realize you have too much stuff, because you open the door of your closet, and it is full. The drawers are overflowing, too. So you have a garage sale, and you sell off your stuff. This always works, because there is someone out there who wants more stuff. They are driving around looking for stuff to buy, and they come and buy your stuff. So then you get the money from your garage sale from selling your stuff, and what do you do? Well, you go and buy more stuff. And then it begins to pile up again.”

- Greg Laurie

Prov 23:4

4 Do not weary yourself to gain wealth,
Cease from your consideration of it.

Prov 30:8-9

8 . . . Give me neither poverty nor riches —
Feed me with the food allotted to me;
9 Lest I be full and deny You,
And say, "Who is the Lord?"
Or lest I be poor and steal,
And profane the name of my God.

Matt 6:19-21

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust
destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor
rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;
21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:22-24

"For this reason I say to you, do not worry about your life, as to what you will
eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on.
23 "For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

Luke 12:15-21

15 Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance, does his life consist of his possessions."

16 And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive.

17 "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'

18 "Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry."'

20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'

21 "So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

**The deadline for every man will arrive, and the issue that has been before him all along has now run its course. It's too late to make decisions anymore.

Who cares about whether bigger barns are built now?

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"It's OK to have things that money can buy, if we don't lose the things money can't buy. It's sad when people start to confuse prices with values."

- Warren Wiersbe

10 Applications of the Wisdom of Psalm 49:

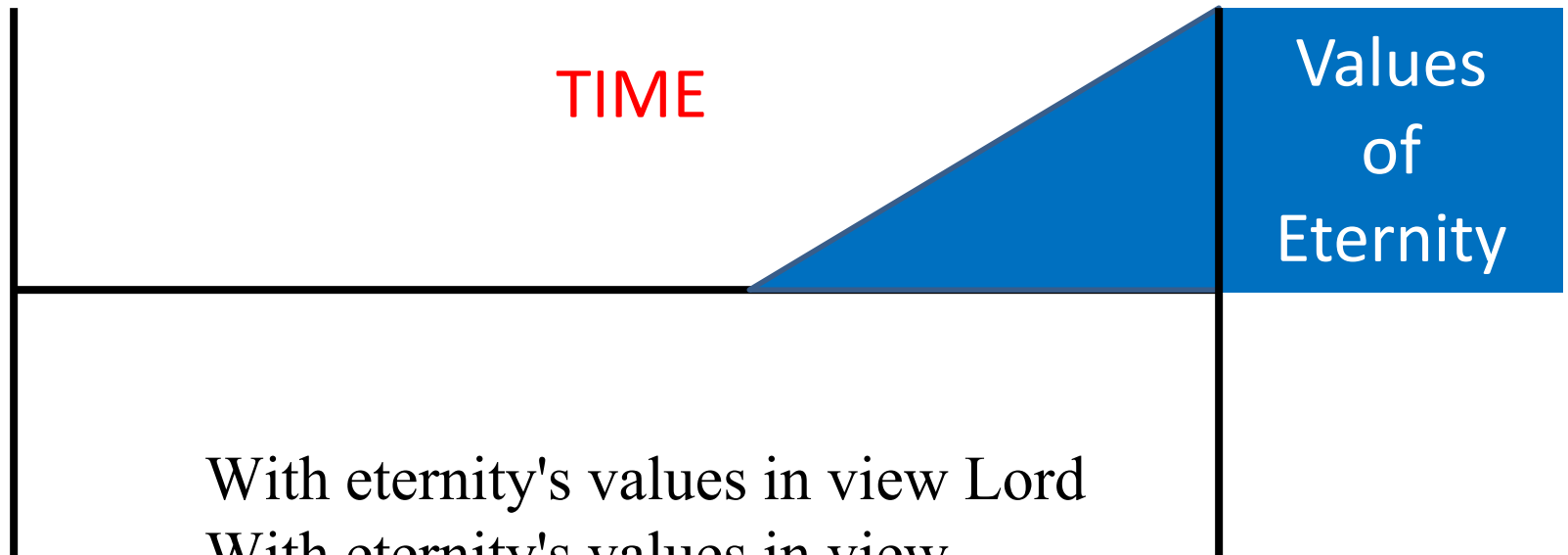
1. Wealth cannot prevent death.
2. No one has enough money to buy life back when God claims it in death.
3. Man—like all of the animals from single cell amoebas to giant whales—will eventually die.
4. When we are confronted with someone who is rich and powerful, who trusts in and boasts in their riches, who is wicked and puts down the righteous, our concern is that they are going to get away with it. The reason we know they don't get away with it is very simple: **DEATH**. Therefore it is foolish to be jealous of unbelieving wealthy people for their death is as sure as the death of the poor. Stop assuming that people who have this world's goods have a real advantage over you . . . because they don't.
5. Wealth is no advantage either in character development, or relationship development, or in the things of eternity – the 3 most important values in our lives.

Matt 6:19-21

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



With eternity's values in view Lord
With eternity's values in view
May I do each day's work for Jesus
With eternity's values in view

6. Either this life is everything, or this life is a stepping stone to something greater. If it is a stepping stone to something greater, then we need invest heavily in the something greater.
7. For the unbeliever this life now is as close as they will get to experiencing heaven.
For the believer this life now is as close as they will get to experiencing hell.
8. To the very wealthy, money is no object. That is until they are faced with their need for salvation or their desire for immortality, neither of which can be bought with their money.
9. Only two things pass into eternity from this life – people and God’s Word. We therefore should care more about people and less about things, and more about the richness of the Word and less about the riches of the world.
10. There is a day coming when the end of our lives will be upon all of us. The question is, what wise choices, wise values, and wise investments will we have made?

Singing Psalm 49

Tune: “Rock of Ages” (repeat last two lines of refrain)

1 Dust to dust, the mortal dies,

Both the foolish and the wise;

None forever can remain,

Each must leave his hoarded gain.

Yet within their heart they say

That their houses are for aye,

That their dwelling places grand

Shall for generations stand.

2 To their lands they give their name

In the hope of lasting fame,

But man’s honor quickly flies,

Like the lowly beast he dies.

Though such folly mark their way,

Men approve of what they say;

Death their shepherd, they the sheep,

He within his fold will keep.

3 O'er them soon shall rule the just,

All their beauty turn to dust;

God my waiting soul shall save,

He will raise me from the grave.

Let no fear disturb your peace

Though one's house and wealth increase;

Death shall end his fleeting day,

He shall carry naught away.

4 Though in life he wealth attained,

Though the praise of men he gained,

He shall join those gone before,

Where the light shall shine no more.

Crowned with honor though he be,

Highly gifted, strong and free,

If he be not truly wise,

Man is like the beast that dies.

— Author unknown