

<sup>1</sup>To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah. Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:<sup>2</sup>Both low and high, rich and poor, together.<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.<sup>4</sup>I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.<sup>5</sup>Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?<sup>6</sup>They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;<sup>7</sup>None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:<sup>8</sup>(For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)<sup>9</sup>That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.<sup>10</sup>For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.<sup>11</sup>Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.<sup>12</sup>Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.<sup>13</sup>This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.<sup>14</sup>Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.<sup>15</sup>But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.<sup>16</sup>Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;<sup>17</sup>For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall

not descend after him.<sup>18</sup> Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.<sup>19</sup> He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.<sup>20</sup> Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.