**PSALM 48**

Audite haec, omnes gentes.

*The folly of worldlings, who live on in sin, without thinking of death or hell.*

**1** Unto the end, a psalm for the sons of Core.

**2** Hear these things, all ye nations: give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world.

**3** All you that are earthborn, and you sons of men: both rich and poor together.

**4** My mouth shall speak wisdom: and the meditation of my heart understanding.

**5** I will incline my ear to a parable; I will open my proposition on the psaltery.

**6** Why shall I fear in the evil day? the iniquity of my heel shall encompass me.

**7** They that trust in their own strength, and glory in the multitude of their riches,

**8** No brother can redeem, nor shall man redeem: he shall not give to God his ransom,

**9** Nor the price of the redemption of his soul: and shall labour for ever,

**10** and shall still live unto the end.

**11** He shall not see destruction, when he shall see the wise dying: the senseless and the fool shall perish together: And they shall leave their riches to strangers:

**12** and their sepulchres shall be their houses for ever. Their dwelling places to all generations: they have called their lands by their names.

**13** And man when he was in honour did not understand; he is compared to senseless beasts, and is become like to them.

**14** This way of theirs is a stumbling-block to them: and afterwards they shall delight in their mouth.

**15** They are laid in hell like sheep: death shall feed upon them. And the just shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their help shall decay in hell from their glory.

**16** But God will redeem my soul from the hand of hell, when he shall receive me.

**17** Be not thou afraid, when a man shall be made rich, and when the glory of his house shall be increased.

**18** For when he shall die he shall take nothing away; nor shall his glory descend with him.

**19** For in his lifetime his soul will be blessed: and he will praise thee when thou shalt do well to him.

**20** He shall go in to the generations of his fathers: and he shall never see light.

**21** Man when he was in honour did not understand: he hath been compared to senseless beasts, and made like to them.