

PSALM 73 Summary

An Exploration of faith The Tragedy of the wicked

- verse 1-3 opening faith + doubt
- verse 4-12 prosperity of the wicked
- verse 13-17 turning point in the sanctuary
- verse 18-20 Fate of the wicked unveiled
- verse 21-22 confession of foolishness
- verse 23-26 renewed confidence in God
- verse 27-28 final contrast + testimony

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the abode of God
[the higher ether where the celestial bodies reside]

kingdom of heaven

Matthew 3:2, 4:17

Report for the kingdom of heaven is at hand

Matthew 5:3, 5:10

The Beatitudes
(sermon on the mount)

Whom have I in heaven but thee?

shaw-mah-yim
samayim [H8064]

?
who else is there?
Angels (celestial bodies)
No person or being above God!

And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

khaw-fares
hapes [H2654]

Delight
please
desire
will
treasure
favor
like
more
ward
at all



this is my desire
to honor you
Lord with all my heart
I worship you

[Hillsong - I give you my heart]
My soul longs

and even faints for you
[I need you - Eddie James]

(KJV)

Dear Abba
Thank you for the changes you have made and continue to make in me.

I pray you keep my eyes stayed on you and remind me to look at the plank in my own eye.

In Yeshua's name. Amen

In my past I desired things. Its endless A cycle of following trends.

Looking at what people have and wanting it. The grass is always greener.

Water your own garden.

Psalm 73:25

An Exploration of faith + doubt

Who is Asaph

A Levitical choir leader (appointed by David) - 1 Chr 15:16-19
 PSALMS 73
 BOOK THREE: Psalms 73-89
 16:5

Sound brass
 cymbals

The Tragedy of the Wicked, and the Blessedness of Trust in God
 A Psalm of Asaph.

opening
 faith
 +
 doubt

Prosperity
 of the
 wicked

1 Truly God is good to Israel,
 To such as are pure in heart.
 2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;
 My steps had nearly slipped.
 3 For I was envious of the boastful,
 When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
 4 For there are no pangs in their death,
 But their strength is firm.
 5 They are not in trouble as other men;
 Nor are they plagued like other men.
 6 Therefore pride serves as their necklace;
 Violence covers them like a garment.
 7 Their eyes bulge with abundance;
 They have more than heart could wish.
 8 They scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression;
 They speak loftily.
 9 They set their mouth against the heavens,
 And their tongue walks through the earth.
 10 Therefore his people return here,
 And waters of a full cup are drained by them.
 11 And they say, "How does God know?
 And is there knowledge in the Most High?"
 12 Behold, these are the ungodly,
 Who are always at ease,
 They increase in riches.
 13 Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain,
 And washed my hands in innocence.
 14 For all day long I have been plagued,
 And chastened every morning.
 15 If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
 Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children.

temptation

Envy + jealousy
 they appear
 strong

Have all their
 hearts desire

wicked
 talk
 talk bad about
 God

their ease is
 an assumption

doubt

turning
 point in
 the
 sanctuary

16 When I thought how to understand this,
 It was too painful for me—
 17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God.
 Then I understood their end.
 18 Surely You set them in slippery places;
 You cast them down to destruction.
 19 Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment!
 They are utterly consumed with terrors.
 20 As a dream when one awakes,
 So, Lord, when You awake,
 You shall despise their image.
 21 Thus my heart was grieved,
 And I was vexed in my mind.
 22 I was so foolish and ignorant;
 I was like a beast before You.
 23 Nevertheless I am continually with You;
 You hold me by my right hand.
 24 You will guide me with Your counsel,
 And afterward receive me to glory.
 25 Whom have I in heaven but You?
 And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.
 26 My flesh and my heart fail;
 But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
 27 For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish;
 You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.
 28 But it is good for me to draw near to God;
 I have put my trust in the Lord God,
 That I may declare all Your works.

Fate of
 the wicked
 unveiled

confession
 of foolishness

renewed
 confidence
 in God

weakness

final
 contrast +
 testimony

Psalms 73: NKJV

trust

Matthew 19:23-24

Jesus said its hard
 for the rich to get
 into heaven
 - blinded by their
 riches.

Faith
 - distracted by
 things
 - what next
 - never enough
 strength from God

the wicked basked in things
 that have no eternal value
 here today gone tomorrow