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Welcome to Sierra Community Church

“Be still, and know that I am God” -Psalm 46:10

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Welcome Home!



Psalm

All the colors of life

Psalm 73



Written by (or for) Asaph

There are 12 Psalms Accredited to Asaph

The first Psalm of the 3rd Book

Arranged in a Symmetrical Pattern

6 (*73-78 - Instruction*)

5 (*79-83 - Prayers for deliverance*)

6 (*84-89 - Desire to be near God*)

Middle Psalm (81)

- Appeal for
Faithfulness

Psalm 73



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Hot
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Esther!

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Psalm 73:
King David's lead
musician

CONFESSION:

I struggle with
envy & I doubted
God's
goodness!

+ SECRET
Babylonian
War Maps
REVEALED!



The author reveals his internal conflict with envy and doubt, recounting his rescue from the edge of losing his faith.

Psalm 73



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to those whose hearts are pure.



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as for me, I came so close to the edge
of the cliff! My feet were slipping, and I
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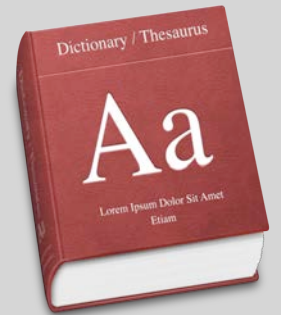


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as for me, I came so close to the edge
of the cliff! My feet were slipping, and I
was almost gone. ³ For I envied the
proud when I saw them prosper
despite their wickedness.



Envy:

1. A feeling of discontented or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck.



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The Danger of being ENVIOUS:

1. Envy tells us that the grass is greener on the other-side, which robs us of our ability to enjoy what we already have.
2. Embracing envy leads us to believe that we know better than God what we ought to have.

Psalm 73



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I saw them prosper despite their wickedness. ⁴ They seem to live such a painless life; their bodies are so healthy and strong. ⁵ They aren't troubled like other people or plagued with problems like everyone else.

The "wicked":

verses 6-9;
prideful & violent,
over indulgent,
malicious,
arrogant, making
threats & they
are blasphemous.

Psalm 73



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¹² This is what the wicked are like- always carefree, they increase in wealth. ¹³ Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴ All day long I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning.



Psalm 73

16 When I tried to
understand all this, it
was oppressive to me.



Observations about doubts:

1. We don't have to suppress them or pretend they don't exist.

Psalm 73



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“If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.”

-Francis Bacon,

The Advancement Of Learning



Observations about doubts:

1. We don't have to suppress them or pretend they don't exist.
2. There is a lot at stake, so don't give up on looking for answers.

Psalm 73



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Confronting Envy & Doubt

1. He finds truth in the Sanctuary.

¹⁷ till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

2. He confesses his foolishness.

²² I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.

3. He takes advantage of God's help.

²³ Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

4. He commits to sharing what he has learned.

²⁸ But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.



Doubtters

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