

The Prosperity of the Wicked

Psalm 73

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Verse: Psalm 73:25,28

Homework: Psalm 73/Psalm 103

Opening Statement: Faith & Anguish

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- Faith – God is good...
- Anguish – Why are the wicked winning?

First Witness: The Life of the Wicked

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- Their life – No struggles and easy
- The result = Arrogance and Callousness
- Final Word: Carefree and the rich get richer

Personal Reaction

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- Futility of righteousness
 - So why am I trying so hard to stay pure? “It doesn’t pay.”
 - Righteousness is punished.
- Desire to confront the inequity of it all!

A New Evidence Introduced: The brevity of this life & God’s Justice

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- The turning point: Until I entered the presence of God and remembered their destiny!
- They are unstable and will fall!
- They vanish like a bad dream.

Before...

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- Senseless, embittered, near-sighted

After...

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- I will cling to God, no matter what!
 - Fourfold blessing = Peace; Security; Hope; Glory!

Closing Argument: The nearness of God is my good!

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- The end of the wicked: Perish/ Forgotten
- The end of the righteous: My Refuge!

Key:

- Where is your focus?

Application:

- Is God enough?