

CONFUSION

When Life Doesn't Make Sense

Scripture: Psalm 73

Asaph's Struggles

- Why do the ungodly have so much **stuff** (73:3, 7, 12)?
- Why do the ungodly have it so **easy** (73:4-5)?
- Why do the ungodly get away with **evil** (73:6, 8)?
- Why do the ungodly get away with **blasphemy** (73:9-11)?

A life apart from God may appear stable, but ends in ruin.

Asaph's Actions

- Asaph **hid** his struggles for a season (15-16).
- Asaph **drew near** to God (17-20, 27).
- Asaph **got out** of his feelings (21-22).
- Asaph **held to** his convictions about God (23-26, 28, 1).

Present realities are not ultimate realities.

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Question 1: From the Text

Going to the sanctuary of God was the turning point for Asaph (73:15-17). How did worship change his focus?

Question 2: Life Experience

The stuff, ease, actions, and attitudes of the wicked tripped Asaph up (73:2-14). What are some issues that trip you up? What are some scriptures that speak to these situations?

Question 3: Personal & Practical

While God is truly good, the text says God is good to His people (73:1). List some ways God has been “good” to you.

The Bigger Picture

Someone said that Asaph didn't write the first 14 verses until he was clear about what he wrote in the last 14 verses. The first 14 verses reveal the turmoil of a child of God struggling in their faith and questioning whether or not living godly is actually worth it. The last 14 verses reveal some turning points that led him to conclude that “Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart.”