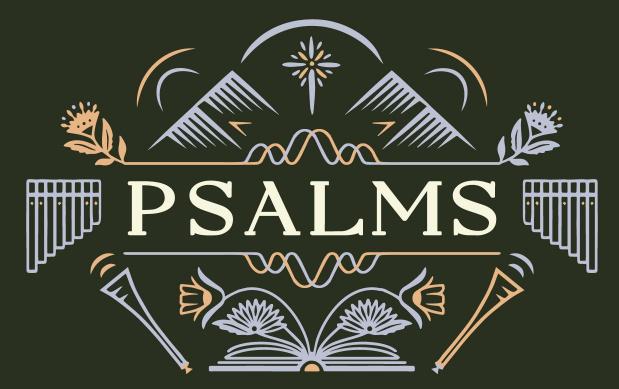
### Psalm 73: Truly God Is Good?



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- A Psalm of Asaph.
- <sup>1</sup> Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
- <sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.
- <sup>3</sup> For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- <sup>4</sup> For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek.

- <sup>5</sup> They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment.
- <sup>7</sup> Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies.
- <sup>8</sup> They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression.
- <sup>9</sup> They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.

- <sup>10</sup> Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them.
- <sup>11</sup> And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
- <sup>12</sup> Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.
- <sup>13</sup> All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.
- <sup>14</sup> For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning.

- <sup>15</sup> If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
   <sup>16</sup> But when I thought how to understand this, it
- seemed to me a wearisome task,
- <sup>17</sup> until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.
- <sup>18</sup> Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.
- <sup>19</sup> How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!

- <sup>20</sup> Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.
  <sup>21</sup> When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,
- <sup>22</sup> I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.
- <sup>23</sup> Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.
- <sup>24</sup> You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

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<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. <sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. <sup>27</sup> For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. <sup>28</sup> But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

## **Confusion & Complaint**

vs.1-3

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## **Confusion & Complaint**

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# **Clarity & Comfort**

vs.16-20

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# **Clarity & Comfort**

vs.21-26

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### Matthew 16:26

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?