

PSALMS

Summer Teaching Series

When Life Seems Unfair

Psalm 73:1-28

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ASAPH'S JOURNEY

1. The _____: **standing on what he knows.**
 - “Pure in heart” = total _____ to God.
2. The _____: **slipping from where he is standing.**
 - **Doubt** comes from a struggling _____, while **unbelief** comes from a stubborn _____ that **refuses to** _____ to God.
3. The _____: **struggling with what he sees and feels.**

Proverbs 23:4
4. The _____: **seeing the bigger picture.**

Matthew 7:23

“The gospel is not good advice for the morally capable. It is good news for the spiritually dead, that they can be reborn.”
5. The _____: **rejoicing over God’s goodness.**

Matthew 19:16-17

LEARNING FROM ASAPH'S PRAYER

- The incomparable importance of our _____ over our _____.
- Blessedness does not equal material and physical _____. Blessedness is the assurance of God’s _____.
- **Just what is it that makes someone “righteous” and “pure in heart”?**

Romans 8:1-4, 26, 28, 31-39

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- 1 Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.
- 3 For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- 4 They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong.
- 5 They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills.
- 6 Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence.
- 7 From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil imaginations have no limits.
- 8 They scoff, and speak with malice; with arrogance they threaten oppression.
- 9 Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth.
- 10 Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance.
- 11 They say, “How would God know? Does the Most High know anything?”
- 12 This is what the wicked are like—always free of care, they go on amassing wealth.
- 13 Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence.
- 14 All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments.
- 15 If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children.
- 16 When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply
- 17 till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.
- 18 Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.
- 19 How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!
- 20 They are like a dream when one awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.
- 21 When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,
- 22 I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.
- 23 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.
- 24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
- 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- 27 Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.
- 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.

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