

Psalms in the Summer

Psalm 73: Minimizing Your Losses... *How To Stop Shooting At The Wrong Target*

Study questions for the week of July 19-25, 2026

Getting Started

Today's media seem to glorify the rich and famous, what are the upsides and downsides to being rich and famous?

Digging Deep

Read Psalm 73 together as a group

1. In verses 1-3, what is the reason the psalmist gives for almost slipping? What do you think was the source of the envy? Was there a time when you envied someone or something? What happened?
2. The Hebrew word used for prosperity is "shalom" has deep meaning in the Jewish culture. It means more than prosperity; it also has the ideas of peace, rest, happiness, health, safety, and favor of others. After reading vs 4-12, do you think the writer had a proper or skewed perspective of prosperity? Why or why not?
3. In verses 13-16, the writer appears to question whether being pure and good is worth it and it did not seem fair. Have you ever felt that way? What did you do about those feelings? What did you learn from your choices?
4. In verses 17-20, the psalmist sees the wicked from a different perspective, what is the new perspective? What changed his mind? What do you think the writer means by "entering the sanctuary of God?" How can we "enter the sanctuary of God" today?
5. What kind of heart did this envy produce? And how does God perceive this kind of heart? (verses 21-22)
6. How did this change in perspective lead to a change of heart? (compare verse 13-16 and 23-27? How are they different? Have you known someone with a heart like v.25? How can we become more like this today?
7. How would this change in perspective keep him from slipping and lead to a pure heart? (verses 1-2)
8. Is there an area in your life where you are struggling and could "slip"? According to this Psalm, what can you do to keep from slipping? If someone does slip, what can they do to get back up?
9. Verse 28 describes his response from a pure heart, what are they? What is your response to God's provisions in your life?