

YOUR TRUE PURPOSE
Psalm 73 (CSB)

1. Walking in DUSTY purpose. (v1-16)

God is indeed good to Israel, to the pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet almost slipped; my steps nearly went astray. ³ For I envied the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked. ⁴ They have an easy time until they die, and their bodies are well fed. ⁵ They are not in trouble like others; they are not afflicted like most people. ⁶ Therefore, pride is their necklace, and violence covers them like a garment. ⁷ Their eyes bulge out from fatness; the imaginations of their hearts run wild. ⁸ They mock, and they speak maliciously; they arrogantly threaten oppression. ⁹ They set their mouths against heaven, and their tongues strut across the earth. ¹⁰ Therefore his people turn to them and drink in their overflowing words. ¹¹ The wicked say, "How can God know? Does the Most High know everything?" ¹² Look at them—the wicked! They are always at ease, and they increase their wealth. ¹³ Did I purify my heart and wash my hands in innocence for nothing? ¹⁴ For I am afflicted all day long and punished every morning. ¹⁵ If I had decided to say these things aloud, I would have betrayed your people. ¹⁶ When I tried to understand all this, it seemed hopeless...

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2. Walking in DIVINE purpose. (v17-28)

... until I entered God's sanctuary. Then I understood their destiny. ¹⁸ Indeed, you put them in slippery places; you make them fall into ruin. ¹⁹ How suddenly they become a desolation! They come to an end, swept away by terrors. ²⁰ Like one waking from a dream, Lord, when arising, you will despise their image. ²¹ When I became embittered and my innermost being was wounded, ²² I was stupid and didn't understand; I was an unthinking animal toward you. ²³ Yet I am always with you; you hold my right hand. ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me up in glory. ²⁵ Who do I have in heaven but you? And I desire nothing on earth but you. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart, my portion forever. ²⁷ Those far from you will certainly perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. ²⁸ But as for me, God's presence is my good. I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, so I can tell about all you do.

Psalm 73:17-28 (CSB)