

the WORD

1 Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. 2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. 3 For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

PSALM 73:1-3

4 For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek. **5** They
are not in trouble as others are; they
are not stricken like the rest of
mankind. **6** Therefore pride is their
necklace; violence covers them
as a garment.

PSALM 73:4-6

7 Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. 8 They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. 9 They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.

PSALM 73:7-9

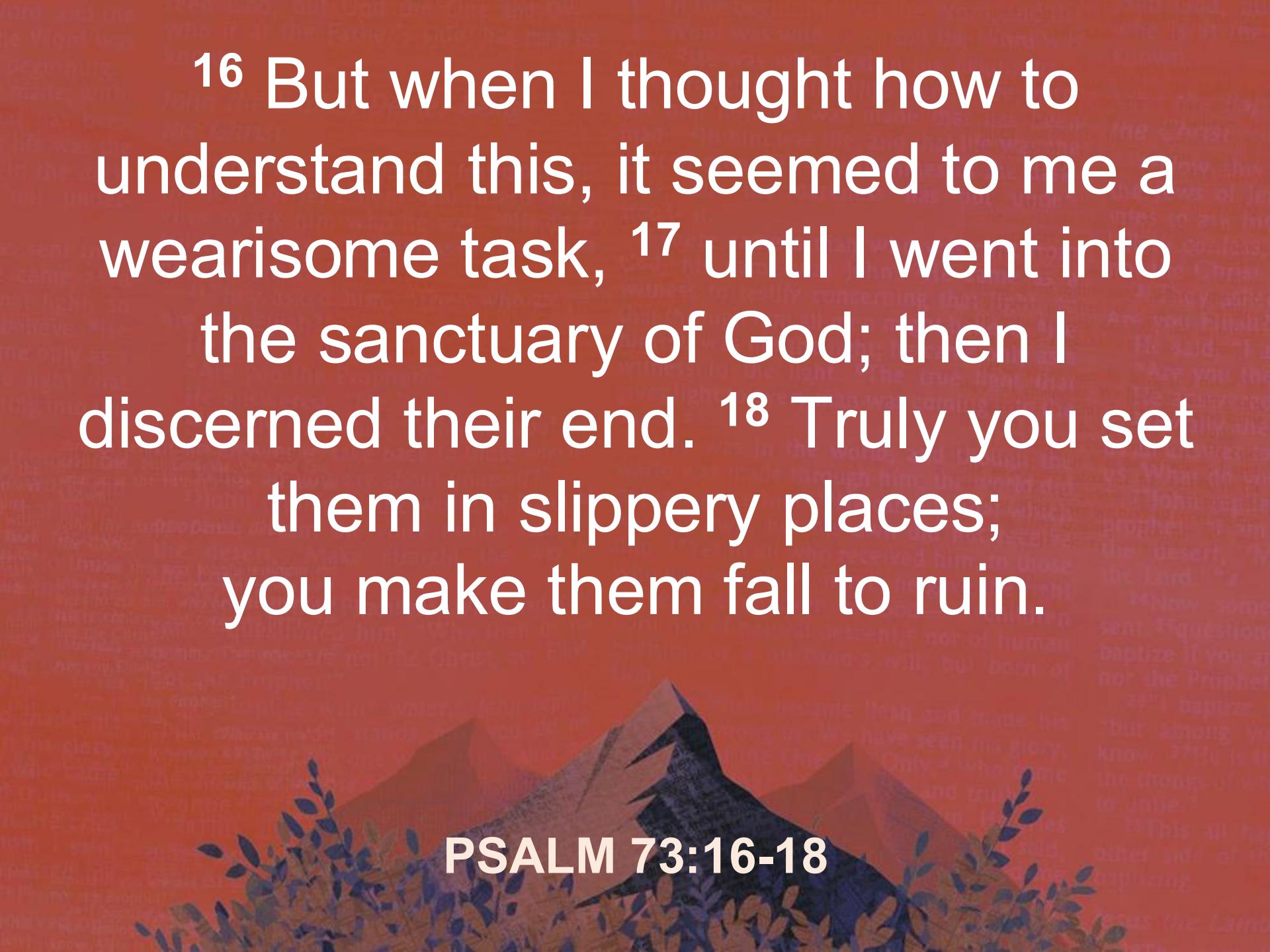
10 Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. 11 And they say, “How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?” 12 Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

PSALM 73:10-12

13 All in vain have I kept my heart
clean and washed my hands in
innocence. 14 For all the day long I
have been stricken and rebuked
every morning. 15 If I had said, “I will
speak thus, “I would have betrayed
the generation of your children.

PSALM 73:13-15

16 But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, 17 until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. 18 Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.



PSALM 73:16-18

19 How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! 20 Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms. 21 When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,

PSALM 73:19-21

22 I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.

23 Nevertheless, I am continually with
you; you hold my right hand.

24 You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me
to glory.

PSALM 73:22-24

25 Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I
desire besides you. 26 My flesh and
my heart may fail, but God is the
strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

PSALM 73:25-26

27 For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

28 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.

PSALM 73:27-28

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1. Fixing our eyes on the world always leads to doubting God (v. 1-15)



12 There came a man who was sent from God. His name was John. 13 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 14 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 15 The true Light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

16 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 17 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 18 Yet to him who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 19 children born not of natural descent, nor of human will or plan, but of God.

20 So John became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Unique, and have witnessed it with our own eyes. 21 He was the true Word of God.

22 We have heard his voice from heaven, as it resounded, like the voice of an angel, when he spoke words of warning to the people.

23 We have seen and heard the One and Unique, and we have seen the glory of the One and Unique, the only true God, and we have witnessed it with our own eyes. 24 This is the one we have heard speaking from heaven, as it resounded, like the voice of an angel, when he spoke words of warning to the people.

25 Now we have seen and known the true God. We have seen and known the true God, and we have witnessed it with our own eyes. 26 This is the one we have heard speaking from heaven, as it resounded, like the voice of an angel, when he spoke words of warning to the people.

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1. Fixing our eyes on God restores our sight (v. 16-22)



3. Fixing our eyes on Christ leads to worship (v. 23-28)

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19. This is the witness of John when he became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the One and unique, and have borne witness of that One who came from God. 20. All who see him testify that he is the Son of God.



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