

## Psalm 73

- 1 Truly God is good to Israel, To such as 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 boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- 4 For there are no pangs in their death, But their strength is firm.
- 5 They are not in trouble as other men, Nor are they plagued like other men.
- 6 Therefore pride serves as their necklace; Violence covers them like a garment.
- 7 Their eyes bulge with abundance; They have more than heart could wish.
- 8 They scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression; They speak loftily.
- 9 They set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth.
- 10 Therefore his people return here, And waters of a full cup are drained by them.

- 11 And they say, "How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?"
- 12 Behold, these are the ungodly, Who are always at ease; They increase in riches.
- 13 Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, And washed my hands in innocence.
- 14 For all day long I have been plagued, And chastened every morning.
- 15 If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children.
- 16 When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me —
- 17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end.
- 18 Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction.
- 19 Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awakes, So, Lord, when You awake, You shall despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, And I was vexed in my mind.

22 I was so foolish and ignorant; I was like a beast before You.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

26 My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

27 For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, That I may declare all Your works.

## **Job 12:5**

5 Those who are at ease have contempt for misfortune  
as the fate of those whose feet are slipping.

## **Psalm 37:1-2**

1 Do not fret because of evildoers,

Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,

And wither as the green herb.

## **1 Peter 4:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; <sup>13</sup> but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. <sup>14</sup> If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

## **Ecclesiastes 7:8-9**

8 The end of a thing is better than its beginning;

The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

9 Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry,

For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

# **Ecclesiastes 7:1**

1 A good name is better than precious ointment,  
And the day of death than the day of one's birth;

## **2 Thessalonians 1:6-8**

6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Jude 24-25

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from **stumbling**,  
And to present you faultless  
Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

25 To God our Saviour,  
Who alone is wise,  
Be glory and majesty,  
Dominion and power,  
Both now and forever.  
Amen.