

Psalm 73

Introduction

Whom did the Lord use to write down this beautiful Psalm?

The Problem

1. Asaph is about to start complaining about his situation in life. And yet, what is he careful to note before he starts lodging his complaints?
2. For Asaph, there were really two issues to the problem (v. 3). What were they?
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3. Why is Asaph so troubled about the wicked?
4. What kinds of similar things arise to disturb you today?
5. In a word, Asaph felt that God is _____.

The Turning Point

6. Why does Asaph feel as though his life has been useless (v. 13-14)?
7. Verse 13 could be paraphrased, "It doesn't pay to serve God faithfully." What are some times in life that we might be tempted to think the same thing?

8. Why does Asaph cut short his complaint against God? (v. 15) Apply this to your life.
9. Asaph tries to understand why the wicked are prospering and the righteous are suffering. How does he describe that struggle to understand? How was he feeling? Can you relate?
10. What proved to be the turning point for Asaph, and why?

The Solution

11. How was God dealing with the wicked? (v. 18)
12. How would you explain the meaning of verse 20 to a fifth grader?
13. Work through the beautiful thoughts in verses 23-28:

Yet I am always with you. You hold me by my right hand.

With your guidance you lead me.

Afterward, you will take me to glory.

Who else is there for me in heaven?

And besides you, I desire no one else on earth.

My flesh and my heart may fail.

But God is the rock of my heart.

And my portion forever.

14. Those Asaph once envied he now pities. What should be our attitude toward the lost?