

Psalm 73



Message: David and author of several Psalms, deals with the question. *Why do the wicked prosper and the righteous go unrewarded?*

- I. Asaph and the evil Ones (73:1-20)
 - A. The consternation (73:1-20): Psalmist Asaph is deeply troubled by two matters:
 1. The prosperity of the godless (73:3-12)
 - a. They enjoy health and wealth (73:3-12)
 - b. They have no worries or problems (73: 3-4).
 - c. They are proud and cruel (73:6).
 - d. They have everything (73:7).
 - e. They are arrogant toward God and people (73: 8-12).
 2. The pain of the godly (73: 1-2, 13-16)
 - a. He feels like he is about to fall off a cliff (73:1-2).
 - b. His life of purity seems unrewarded (73:13).
 - c. He is constantly plagued with problems (73: 14-16).
 - B. The clarification (73: 17-20): Asaph realizes the destiny of the wicked.
 1. The place of this revelation (73:17): Asaph realizes this while he is in the sanctuary.
 2. The particulars of this revelation (73:18-20)
 - a. The wicked are on a slippery path to destruction (73:18-19).
 - b. The present life of the wicked is but a dream (73:20): They will vanish from the earth when the Lord arises.
- II. Asaph and the Exalted One (73:1`-18): Asaph acknowledges two great truths about God:
 - A. God is guiding him (73:21-24).
 - B. God is watching over him (73:25-28).