

“Is God Enough?”

Psalm 73

Exercise: Read Psalm 73 and then answer each of the following questions based upon the passage.

1. Who is God?
2. What has God done?
3. Who am I? (what’s my true identity according to Scripture)
4. How do I live? (in light of the three previous questions and what I say I know to be true)

Video: “[The Source of Our Contentment](#)” by Melissa Kruger (1:05)

LEARN

1. Read Psalm 73. What stood out to you from the passage and sermon?
2. What are the verbs that describe the "wrong things" at the core of the wicked?
 - a. Pride, violence, scoff, threaten, set their mouths against heaven, tongues strut
3. The psalmist exhausts himself in verse 16 trying to understand why the wicked are seemingly prevailing and how it seems to be against God’s law/rule. Why is that? And where does he find the reality of the situation?
 - a. Asaph struggled with envy when he saw the prosperity of the wicked; He observed that they lived in ease, seemingly free from troubles; He questioned the value of living righteously when the wicked prospered
 - b. The psalmist was looking at his situation from an earthly perspective and through the eyes of a sinner. When he turned to the Lord the truth was revealed. His perspective changed when he entered the sanctuary of God; He realized the ultimate fate of the wicked—destruction and judgment; He saw that his envy was foolish and that God was his true portion

Video: “[The Cure for Our Unhappiness](#)” by R.C. Sproul (8:46)

PRACTICE

1. Have you ever been consumed with frustration or envy because you see the wicked prospering? What does their prosperity say about God? Why do you think God would allow the wicked to enjoy good things?
 - a. (Leader: Read Matthew 5:45b if the group gets stuck)
 - b. God is a gracious God. He gives common grace to all. ("Common grace" must be properly defined) The good things we enjoy through common grace do not save us, but are gifts from God.
 - c. Someone consumed with the prosperity of the wicked needs to be able to see the situation through the lens of the Gospel - focus on the spiritual and eternal blessings found in Christ instead of the temporary "success" of this world.

2. (A) Read Psalm 73:13. When have you said this to yourself when you didn't get what you thought your right living would get you? (B) Do you see hints of a prosperity gospel in this way of thinking? If so, how? (C) When we think this way, why is it critical that we redirect our focus onto the goodness of God?
 - a. (A) Examples: When you didn't get a spouse when you wanted one; when your children made sinful choices despite all that you taught him; when you didn't get the position at work you are perfectly qualified for
 - b. (B) The problem lies in thinking there is some sort of "formula or equation" - I live the way God wants me to live, therefore He will reward me with what I want.
 - c. (C) It reminds us that God is God and we are not; it helps remember to trust Him rather than vent about not getting what we think we deserve)

CHANGE

1. Asaph talks in verse 2 about almost stumbling and nearly slipping, but again in verse 18 that God has placed the wicked in slippery places, and in verse 23 that God holds his right hand and guides him. In your life, what areas do you feel like the wicked have it "better than you?" and how are you envious of them? Then, how might what they have be a slippery place and how might God be taking you by the hand where he has you?

2. Are there areas in your life where you struggle with envy or discontentment?
 - a. Reflect: Do you compare your life to others and feel frustrated? Are you tempted to pursue wealth or success at the expense of spiritual priorities?