

Fellowship Baptist, November 30, 2014

PSALM 73—God is Good to His People

INTRODUCTION: This Psalm begins with a conclusion, “Truly, God is good to Israel.”

To help you understand this conclusion read the word “Truly” as “yet”. Following verse one the next verses talk about the discouragement of the psalmist over the prosperity of the wicked. The Psalm ends with what brought him to the conclusion that God was good to Israel. In spite of the prosperity of the wicked “Yet, God is good to Israel”.

- I. Discouragement over the prosperity of the wicked.—v. 2-12
 - A. The danger of envying the wicked.—v. 2-3
 - 1. Turning from God.
 - 2. Turning to wickedness or the way of the wicked.
 - B. The seeming prosperity of the wicked.—v. 4-7
 - 1. There seems to be nothing to restrain them.—v. 4-5
 - 2. They are proud and arrogant.—v. 6
 - 3. They are blessed with wealth.—v. 7
 - C. The moral condition of the wicked.—v. 8-9
 - 1. They are sinful.—v. 8
 - 2. They defy God.—v. 9
 - D. The confusion of God’s people.—v. 10-12
 - 1. They question if God knows what is going on.—v. 11
 - 2. The wicked seem to prosper.—v. 12
- II. What changed the Psalmist mind?—v. 13-28
 - A. The Psalmist in contrast with the wicked.—v. 13-16
 - 1. To live a clean pure life seems to be useless.—v. 13-14.
 - 2. The Psalmist could not reason out.—v. 15-16
 - B. His mind was changed by spending time with God.—v. 17-20
 - 1. Clear understanding comes from spending time in the word of God.—v. 17, Ps. 19:7
 - 2. Must consider the end result.—v. 18-20
 - a. Their end is destruction and ruin.
 - b. The Psalmist uses a’s an example a dream.
 - C. The advantages of the godly.—v. 21-27
 - 1. The Psalmist convicted of his wrong thinking.—v. 21-22
 - 2. Blessing number one: God’s continue presence.—v. 23
 - 3. Blessing number two: God’s constant guidance.—v. 24
 - 4. Blessing number three: God’s continuing fellowship.—v. 25
 - 5. Blessing number four: God’s constant strengthening.—v. 26
- III. The Psalmist conclusion:—v. 27-28
 - A. The ungodly shall perish.—v. 2”
 - B. It is good to draw near to God.—v. 28
 - C. God is good: —v. 1
 - 1. To Israel.
 - 2. To us His people, the church.
 - 3. To me.

CONCLUSION: “Yet, God is good to His people”