

PSALM 73

A wisdom psalm

Keeping perspective in times of adversity

PREPARATION:

Carefully read Psalm 73 seeking to answer these questions about the text:

1. With what truth did Asaph begin this didactic psalm? (v. 1)
However he mentions that he had almost done what? (v. 2) How so? (v. 3)
2. How did he describe the life of the wicked? (v. 4-5) What was their attitude toward God and righteousness? (v. 6-9)
3. With what statements did the wicked express their unbelief? (v. 11)
How did Asaph describe these wicked men? (v. 12)
4. In contrast, how did Asaph view his decision to serve God? (v. 13)
Why? (v. 14)
5. Had Asaph verbalized these thoughts, what would he have done to the Lord's people? (v. 15) Where was he able to correct his flawed perspective? (v. 16-17) What fact about the wicked did he remember there? (v. 18-20)
6. When Asaph allowed bitterness to come into his heart, he was like what? (v. 21-22)
7. What blessings did Asaph affirm he had in the Lord that the wicked did not have? (v. 23-24)

8. What did he say he possessed that was more important than everything else? (v. 25) Though his flesh and heart might fail, who would give him strength? (v. 26)
9. What did he say would be the destiny of the wicked? (v. 27) To be near to God is to experience what? (v. 28)
10. Consequently Asaph determined to do what? (v. 28)

KEY QUESTION:

Write in your own words below what you think is the main message of this psalm.

**FOR CLASS
DISCUSSION:**



Historical and cultural setting

1. Who was Asaph? When did he live? What role did he have in the worship of Israel?
2. What was the sanctuary of God?



What does this psalm tell us about God & His people?

How does this psalm point to Jesus?

How could the Christian apply the teaching of this psalm to his life today?

