

## Psalm 73

### New King James Version (NKJV)

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A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 Truly God is good to Israel,  
    To such as are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;  
    My steps had nearly slipped.
- 3 For I was envious of the boastful,  
    When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
  
- 4 For there are no pangs in their death,  
    But their strength is firm.
- 5 They are not in trouble as other men,  
    Nor are they plagued like other men.
- 6 Therefore pride serves as their necklace;  
    Violence covers them like a garment.
- 7 Their eyes bulge[a] with abundance;  
    They have more than heart could wish.
- 8 They scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression;  
    They speak loftily.
- 9 They set their mouth against the heavens,  
    And their tongue walks through the earth.
  
- 10 Therefore his people return here,  
    And waters of a full cup are drained by them.
- 11 And they say, “How does God know?  
    And is there knowledge in the Most High?”
- 12 Behold, these are the ungodly,

Who are always at ease;  
They increase in riches.

13 Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain,  
And washed my hands in innocence.

14 For all day long I have been plagued,  
And chastened every morning.

15 If I had said, "I will speak thus,"  
Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of  
Your children.

16 When I thought how to understand this,  
It was too painful for me—

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God;  
Then I understood their end.

18 Surely You set them in slippery places;  
You cast them down to destruction.

19 Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a  
moment!

They are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awakes,  
So, Lord, when You awake,  
You shall despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved,  
And I was vexed in my mind.

22 I was so foolish and ignorant;  
I was like a beast before You.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with You;  
You hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me with Your counsel,  
And afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but You?  
And there is none upon earth that I desire besides  
You.

26 My flesh and my heart fail;  
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion  
forever.

27 For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish;  
You have destroyed all those who desert You for  
harlotry.

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God;  
I have put my trust in the Lord GOD,  
That I may declare all Your works.