

Regaining Right Perspective

An Encouragement to Men on Father's Day
But Applicable to All

GOD IS GOOD

Psa 73:1 A Psalm of Asaph. Truly God is good
to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

Psa 73:28 But for me it is good to be near God

Ps 73:2 But as for me, my feet had almost
stumbled, my steps had nearly **slipped**.

WE LOSE PERSPECTIVE WHEN WE
COMPARE OURSELVES TO OTHERS

Psa 73:3 For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

WE LOSE PERSPECTIVE WHEN THE WORLD DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A FAIR PLACE

Psa 73:4 For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek.

Psa 73:5 They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.

Psa 73:6 Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment.

WE LOSE PERSPECTIVE WHEN THE WORLD DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A FAIR PLACE

Psa 73:7 Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies.

Psa 73:8 They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression.

Psa 73:9 They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.

WE LOSE PERSPECTIVE WHEN THE WORLD DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A FAIR PLACE

Psa 73:10 Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them.earth.

Psa 73:11 And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?"

Psa 73:12 Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

WHEN WE LOSE PERSPECTIVE WE QUESTION OUR OWN EFFORTS TO WALK WITH GOD

Psa 73:13-14 All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. 14 For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning.

WHEN WE LOSE PERSPECTIVE WE ISOLATE

Psa 73:15 If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

WE REGAIN RIGHT PERSPECTIVE IN THE SANCTUARY

Psa 73:16-17 But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, 17 until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

WE REGAIN RIGHT PERSPECTIVE AND ARE NO LONGER ENVIOUS OF THE WICKED

Psa 73:18 Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.

Psa 73:19 How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!

Psa 73:20 Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.

WE REGAIN RIGHT PERSPECTIVE BY SEEING THE TRUE CONDITION OF OUR HEART

Psa 73:21 When my soul was embittered, when I was
pricked in heart,

Psa 73:22 I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast
toward you.

WE REGAIN RIGHT PERSPECTIVE WHEN WE SEE
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IS ENOUGH

Psa 73:23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you
hold my right hand.

Psa 73:24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward
you will receive me to glory.

WE REGAIN RIGHT PERSPECTIVE WHEN WE SEE
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IS ENOUGH

Psa 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

Psa 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

WE REGAIN RIGHT PERSPECTIVE WHEN WE UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF ETERNAL JUDGMENT

Psa 73:27 For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

WE REGAIN RIGHT PERSPECTIVE WHEN WE UNDERSTAND THE MISSION

Psa 73:28 But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.