

**Psalm 73**  
**Book III Psalm 73-89**

Asaph was one of the \_\_\_\_\_ musicians who David appointed over the music in the house of the Lord. (Cf. 1 Chronicles 6:39) Asaph is credited with writing \_\_\_\_\_ Psalms.

**I. The psalmist \_\_\_\_\_ in a temptation caused by the prosperity of the wicked**

- A. A proclamation about God Vs 1
  - 1. God is good (gives \_\_\_\_\_ and pleasure) to His people
  - 2. Especially to those who maintain a clean (\_\_\_\_\_) heart
- B. The situation that caused the proclamation Vs 2-12
  - 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ prosperity of the wicked bothered him Vs 2-5
  - 2. He describes the characteristics of wicked people Vs 6-9
  - 3. The ungodly have no \_\_\_\_\_ for God Vs 10-11
  - 4. It seems the ungodly will always \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 12
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the heart Vs 13-15
  - 1. Looking at the circumstances, doubts arise concerning trying to maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ heart Vs 13
  - 2. "What I am getting for my \_\_\_\_\_ living is trouble and pain" (could be literally from others or figuratively from the situation in which he finds himself) Vs 14
  - 3. He expresses to \_\_\_\_\_ what he would not express to other people Vs 15
    - a. He feels \_\_\_\_\_ in sharing with God the trouble on his heart
    - b. He does not want to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the people of God

**II. God will \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked and sustain the righteous**

- A. Placing \_\_\_\_\_ into the picture changes the point of view Vs 16-20
  - 1. Allowing his mind to \_\_\_\_\_ on this seeming unfairness simply caused him pain and doubt Vs 16
  - 2. Looking at his circumstances through "the lenses of God being there" opened his understanding to \_\_\_\_\_ summarize what was going on. Vs 17-20
    - a. The seeming prosperity of the wicked will be their \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 18
    - b. Their destruction will be \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 19
    - c. When God begins to act against the wicked there will be \_\_\_\_\_ for the wicked Vs 20
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ concerning allowing one's self to be tempted Vs 21-22
  - 1. Rebuke from the Holy Spirit because he \_\_\_\_\_ God's righteousness Vs 21
  - 2. He realized it was only by the mercy of God that he wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked
    - a. He described \_\_\_\_\_ as foolish, ignorant, and a beast before God
    - b. Only by the Grace of God are we any \_\_\_\_\_ than the wicked we envy at times
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth for the believer Vs 23-28
  - 1. In spite of our \_\_\_\_\_ God is still there with us Vs 23
  - 2. In spite of our imperfections God still \_\_\_\_\_ us on the path that brings us into Heaven Vs 24
  - 3. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ One that we really \_\_\_\_\_ in this earthly life Vs 25
  - 4. I \_\_\_\_\_ trust my own judgment, but I can trust God's judgment Vs 26

5. No matter how it looks \_\_\_\_\_, the wicked will be destroyed eternally, and the righteous shall prevail and be victorious in \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 27
6. Difficulties are meant to draw us \_\_\_\_\_ to God, not drive us \_\_\_\_\_ from Him Vs 28