

## **Psalm 73:17-19 (NLT)**

**[17] Then I went into your sanctuary, O God, and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked. [18] Truly, you put them on a slippery path and send them sliding over the cliff to destruction. [19] In an instant they are destroyed, completely swept away by terrors.**

**Psalm 73:25-26 (NLT)**

**[25] Whom have I in heaven but you?  
I desire you more than anything on  
earth. [26] My health may fail, and my  
spirit may grow weak, but God  
remains the strength of my heart;  
he is mine forever.**

## **Psalm 73:27-28 (NLT)**

**[27] Those who desert him will perish,  
for you destroy those who abandon  
you. [28] But as for me, how good it is  
to be near God! I have made the  
Sovereign LORD my shelter, and I will  
tell everyone about the wonderful  
things you do.**

**God is ALL I WANT**

**Psalm 73:1-28**

## Psalm 73:9 (HCS)

They **set their mouths AGAINST heaven,**  
and their **tongues STRUT across** the earth.

## Psalm 73:9-10 (NLT)

They boast against the very heavens,  
and their words strut throughout the  
earth. [10] And so the people are  
dismayed and confused, drinking in all  
their words.

# The Wicked

- have no **PROBLEMS**
- possess near-perfect **HEALTH**
- **THRIVE ON** pride, arrogance, & violence
- **DISMISS** God as having **NO** Power
- have no **WORRIES** and do what they want

**ENVY** is a critical  
**COMPLAINING** heart  
towards God and that is **SIN.**

Boice

## Matthew 6:31-32 (NLT)

“So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ [32] **These things DOMINATE the thoughts of UNBELIEVERS,** but your heavenly Father **already KNOWS all your NEEDS.**



God is **GOOD** to ME  
**ALL** the TIME

What is the point of being godly then?  
What is the advantage of being a Christian  
if those who are not Christians get what I  
want and I don't get it? Indeed, the situation  
is even worse than that, for not only do I not  
get what I want, I have troubles to boot. In  
fact, it even seems as if I am being punished  
for trying to be good. Boice

Psalm 73: 15 (HCS)

If I had decided

**to say these things ALOUD,**

**I would have BETRAYED**

Your people.

Having doubts, like Asaph's,  
is **NOT** incompatible with responsible  
Christian living. Boice

## What Should We do?

- **EXPRESS** everything you are thinking and feeling **FULLY** to God

Matthew 12:36 (HCS) I tell you that on the day of judgment people will have to

**ACCOUNT** for **EVERY CARELESS WORD**

they speak.

## What Should We do?

- Recognize God's **GOODNESS**
- Realize the Problem is **OUR HEART**
- **CONFESS** our Sin of Self-Centeredness
- Share **SELECTIVELY** that which will be **HELPFUL** to others

## Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is **HELPFUL** for building others up according to their needs, that it may **BENEFIT** those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

...Let **EVERYTHING** you **SAY**  
be **GOOD** and **HELPFUL**,  
so that your words will be an  
**ENCOURAGEMENT**  
to those who hear them.



## Psalm 73:21-22 (HCS)

When I became **EMBITTERED** and my innermost being was wounded, [22] I was **STUPID** and didn't understand; **I was an unthinking animal toward You.**

# NEW INSIGHT...

- I am **ALWAYS** in Your **PRESENCE**
- You **HOLD** me by the hand
- You **GUIDE** me
- You **WILL** bring me **HOME**

Psalm 73:26 (NLT)

My health may fail, and my spirit may  
grow weak, **but God REMAINS the**  
**STRENGTH** of my heart;  
**HE is MINE forever.**

# God is **ALL I WANT** is Expressed in...

- You are **GOOD** to **ME**
- Being **NEAR** You is for **MY GOOD**
- You are **SOVEREIGN**
- You are **MY REFUGE**