

## Pastor Bill Blakey ~ November 29 & 30, 2025

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## Psalm 73

1 Truly God is good to Israel, to those who 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 arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. 5 They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. 6 Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. 7 Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. 8 They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. **9** They set their mouths against the and their tongue struts through the earth. 10 Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. 11 And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?' 12 Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. 13 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. 15 If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of

**16** But when I thought how to understand this,

your children.

it seemed to me a wearisome task, 17 until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

18 Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.
19 How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!
20 Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.
21 When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, 22 I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.

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

24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

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

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

## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

Fellowship Groups are BACK this week! Come ready to share what you learned from Psalm 73 with your group!

- 1. Is there anything about the unbelievers around us that you have been tempted to envy?
- 2. Have you ever confessed that you have been too friendly with the world to fellow Christians? Are there any ways you need to confess that now?
- 3. Bring your own Bible verse. What verse have you found in God's presence that helps you see the world's good for what it is?
- 4. Read John 15:4-5. How does your time in God's word reflect on whether it is "good" for you to be near God?
- 5. What practical steps will you take to make the Lord your chosen portion this week?
- 6. What can you testify how God has been good to you this week?

We are praying for REVIVAL Monday night at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room!

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**



If you ever need a link to Psalm Of The Day scan here:



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Tomorrow we start BOOK THREE of the Psalms!

And we will start out the first two Psalms of the week with videos from Pastor Bobby in TOKYO and INDIA!

