

BOOK III (73->89)

Psalm 73

A Psalm of A-saph

King James Version (KJV) (one of the chief musicians of David)

73 Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

² But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. (Morally off track)

³ For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. (Envied the earthly wealth of the wicked) (foolish -> Proverbs-1:7)

⁴ For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. (They seem to have no pain, and yet they have strong health – Moffet translation)

⁵ They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. (They live charmed and easy lives of luxury)

⁶ Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment. (Look at the celebs and politicians)

⁷ Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

⁸ They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily. (with pride and arrogance - Hypocrites)

⁹ They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

¹⁰ Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them. (They drink their own false waters)

¹¹ And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High? (God doesn't see me – OR-- I'll repent later in life, and I'll be OK..... They take God for a fool)

¹² Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. (Earthly life is the blink of an eye... Don't lose your soul for it) Mathew-19:24

¹³ Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency. (The evil say this about me, and call me foolish)

¹⁴ For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. (My life of earthly poverty is difficult)

¹⁵ If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children. (But if I do as the wicked, I would offend the righteous)

¹⁶ When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

¹⁷ Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. (Then I saw what happens to the evil at judgment)

¹⁸ Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. (their god <wealth> cannot save them)

¹⁹ How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. (When the evil finally see the truth)
Ref- Psalm-37:19-20

²⁰ As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

²¹ Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins. (I was ashamed for envying the earthly rich)

²² So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee. (I was thinking carnally only, back then)

²³ Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. (Now in the Sanctuary, God holds me up)

²⁴ Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. (God's council is all in the Bible)

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. (Focus on God, and DO His word)

²⁶ My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. (The flesh is weak and easily tempted)

²⁷ For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. (Judgment)

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 thy works.

Earthly wealth, outside of the Sanctuary, without God, is all vanity and emptiness