

## How Can I Be Thankful When Evil People Seem to Have It So Good? *Psalm 73* Outline

**Introduction:** One of the brilliant things about the Bible is that it gives us amazing insight into all the life issues that confound and confront us. The sting of injustice is one of the most confusing and common struggles facing every believer. You must have asked yourself: *Why is life so unfair?* If you have ever asked that question, Psalm 73 is an address in your Bible that you will want to keep close.

### **Asaph's anguished grievance with God – Psalm 73**

The two big conclusions - vs. 1, *"Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart."*

The big problem - vs. 2-3, *"But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."*

The outward impression of the worldly person - vs. 4-9, *"They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. They are free from the burdens common to man; they are not plagued by human ills."*

The popularity that seems to follow the worldly person - vs. 10-12, *"This is what the wicked are like—always carefree, they increase in wealth."*

The despair of God's people looking at worldly people - vs. 13-14, *"Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence. All day long I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning."*

### **Seven steps that will walk you out of disappointment in an unfair world and into a grateful heart (vs. 15-28):**

First: Don't spread your doubt to others; keep your eyes open and mouth closed! vs. 15-16

Second: Get next to God and think. vs. 17, *"...till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny."*

Third: Examine the final end of evildoers. **vs. 18-20, “Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.”**

Fourth: Deal with the real problem. **vs. 21-22, “I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.”**

Fifth: Remember and be grateful for who God is to you. **vs. 23-24, “Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.”**

Sixth: Get your eyes off the temporal world and look to God and eternity. **vs. 25-26, “Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.”**

Seventh: Put your faith in God’s eternal guarantees, not in the empty promises of the world. **vs. 27-28, “Those who are far from you will perish;”**

**Conclusion: Asaph’s last word - vs. 28, “I will tell of all your deeds.”**

**Go and understand that if you have Christ, you have everything you will ever need.**