

LBC | Sunday January 10 Worship Guide

Psalm 73

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Truly God is good to Israel,
To such as 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 boastful,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴ For there are no pangs in their death,
But their strength is firm.
⁵ They are not in trouble as other men,
Nor are they plagued like other men.
⁶ Therefore pride serves as their necklace;
Violence covers them like a garment.
⁷ Their eyes bulge with abundance;
They have more than heart could wish.
⁸ They scoff and speak
wickedly concerning oppression;
They speak loftily.
⁹ They set their mouth against the heavens,
And their tongue walks through the earth.

¹⁰ Therefore his people return here,
And waters of a full cup are drained by them.
¹¹ And they say, "How does God know?
And is there knowledge in the Most High?"
¹² Behold, these are the ungodly,
Who are always at ease;
They increase in riches.
¹³ Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain,
And washed my hands in innocence.
¹⁴ For all day long I have been plagued,
And chastened every morning.

¹⁵ If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
Behold, I would have been untrue to the
generation of Your children.

¹⁶ When I thought how to understand this,
It was too painful for me—
¹⁷ Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
Then I understood their end.

¹⁸ Surely You set them in slippery places;
You cast them down to destruction.
¹⁹ Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in
a moment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
²⁰ As a dream when one awakes,
So, Lord, when You awake,
You shall despise their image.

²¹ Thus my heart was grieved,
And I was vexed in my mind.
²² I was so foolish and ignorant;
I was like a beast before You.
²³ Nevertheless I am continually with You;
You hold me by my right hand.
²⁴ You will guide me with Your counsel,
And afterward receive me to glory.

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but You?
And there is none upon earth that I desire
besides You.
²⁶ My flesh and my heart fail;
But God is the strength of my heart and
my portion forever.

²⁷ For indeed, those who are far from You shall
perish; You have destroyed all those who desert
You for harlotry.
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 Your works.

1. Open your time of worship by listening to “Holy, Holy, Holy.” This hymn, which is sung by Mr. David Donehoo, is found on our monthly hymn page on our church’s website (Look under the Sermons & Resources tab).
2. Take a moment to prayerfully praise our God for who He is and how He is full of wisdom, righteousness, and goodness. Rejoice in Christ and what He has accomplished for you. Give thanks for all the spiritual blessings that are yours in Christ through the Holy Spirit.
3. Read Psalm 73. Listen to the sermon through our website.
4. Take some time to respond in prayer to the preaching of God’s Word:
 - Praise God for being a sufficient and satisfying God.
 - Confess specifically those ways in which you are drawn towards the “sparkle” of the world and the wicked and away from the Lord.
 - Ask God to open your eyes to see His glory and majesty. Ask Him to reveal to you the mercy and grace of Jesus. Ask Him to manifest the power and witness of the Spirit in your heart.
 - Commit yourself to making the Lord your portion, your all-consuming passion.
5. Read out loud the words of “Ah, Whither Should I Go” by Charles Wesley to close out your time of worship.

Ah, Whither Should I Go

1 Ah! whither should I go,
Burdened and sick, and faint!
To whom should I my trouble show,
And pour out my complaint!

2 My Saviour bids me come;
Ah! why do I delay?
He calls the weary sinner home,
And yet from him I stay.

3 What is it keeps me back,
From which I cannot part,
Which will not let the Saviour take
Possession of my heart?

4 Searcher of hearts, in mine
Thy trying power display;
Into its darkest corners shine,
And take all sin away.