

## PSALM 73 – WISELY NOT FALLING AWAY FROM GOD!

*Read the Psalm*

### **Translational Notes**

משפיות - vs. 7 - imagination, show-piece, imagination = follies

מפרום - vs. 8 – from high places = loftily

תהלך - vs. 9 – walks, goes = struts

עמל - vs. 16 – trouble, toll, labor = wearisome task

### **Psalm Notes:**

First Psalm of Book 3 of the Psalms.

A psalm of Asaph. Asaph was one of David's choirmasters and a descendant of Gershon, son of Levi. Asaph wrote psalm 50 and 73-83.

“[The psalmist's] vivid description of the wicked moves him to greater despair until he reflects on his God. Then he again claims the promises of God's presence and protection and seeks the glory of God reserved for him in this life and the life to come.” *Expositor's Bible Commentary*

### **Theme – Wisely Not Falling Away From God!**

How does the psalmist start out?

What is his confession?

What is he envious of?

What does he start to think about his own life?

What is the psalmist struggling with in verses 15 and 16?

What finally changes his attitude?

How does he end the psalm?

Doesn't it seem like this guy is just complaining about the prosperity of the wicked like Psalms 37 and 49? How is it different from these other ones we have looked at?

**Where else do we see this in the Bible:** Matthew 7:24-27

John 15:4-5

Hebrews 10:19-25

James 1:9-12

Galatians 5:1

Hebrews 3:12

### **Real Life Application**

Have you ever felt yourself going through this same progression?

What is difference between being at church and being connected to God?

How do we make sure we are really connected to God?

What should be our most desired thing in life?

How do we keep that as our top priority?

What else does the psalmist say he will do now that he back on the right track?

What is one thing you can do this week to keep from stumbling like the psalmist?