

# Psalm 73

<sup>1</sup> Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

<sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.

<sup>3</sup> For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? Did I keep myself innocent for no reason? I get nothing but trouble all day long; every morning brings me pain. ( vv 13-14 NLT)

If I had said, 'I will speak thus,' I would have betrayed your children. (v15)

When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply. Then I went into your sanctuary, O God, and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked. (vv 16-17 NLT)

Surely you place them on slippery ground;  
you cast them down to ruin. How suddenly  
are they destroyed, completely swept away  
by terrors! They are like a dream when one  
awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will  
despise them as fantasies. (vv 18-20)

When my heart was grieved and my spirit  
embittered, I was senseless and ignorant; I  
was a brute beast before you." (vv 21-22)

<sup>23</sup> Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. <sup>24</sup> You guide me with your counsel, and afterwards you will take me into glory.

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. <sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

<sup>27</sup> Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

<sup>28</sup> But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds. (vv23-28)