

Psalm 73 Discussion Questions

- The writer of this psalm (Asaph) begins by saying “Truly God is good,” but then admits that his foot had nearly slipped. Why is it possible to believe God is truly good, but at the same time doubt?
- Asaph’s crisis begins when he sees the wicked being blessed. Do you see the wicked prospering today? Have you ever been tempted to envy them?
 - What is the godly response to seeing other people enjoy blessings that we lack? How can we keep the right perspective?
- Wesley said, “What you envy will reveal what you think the good life is.” What are some earthly things you are tempted to believe are ultimate?
 - Wesley said, “When a good thing becomes your greatest good, you don't actually love it better.” Why is this the case? How can making something ultimate actually damage our enjoyment of it?
- Wesley said that success has a way of “hiding God’s grace.” How so?
- Wesley said, “Envy is the horizontal expression of a vertical problem.” What does our envy of others reveal about our relationship with God?
- Asaph’s confession reveals that he had slipped into a transactional mindset: “God, I’ll give you obedience, but you give me the life I want.” What is wrong with this mindset? What are some ways Christians can fall into it?

- Asaph says, “Until I went into the sanctuary of God.” Why do you think entering God's presence and worshiping with God's people changed his perspective?
 - What role does gathered worship play in correcting your own perspective?
- Wesley said, “What you can see is real. But it is not *all* that is real.” What are some things that are hard to interpret correctly when we only look at our present circumstances?
- How does remembering “their end” (the ultimate destiny of the wicked) change the way we view prosperity and suffering in this life?
- In verses 23-24, Asaph realizes that God has been holding him, guiding him, and leading him toward glory. Why does this perspective change everything?
 - How often do you think about heaven?
- Verse 25 asks, “Whom have I in heaven but you?” Why is God Himself our greatest reward?
- What is one good thing you currently desire deeply? How could you pursue or pray for that thing while also being able to say, “But you are my portion”?