

A Contradiction Resolved!
(Psalm 73)

Asaph Questions the Value of Holiness - Ps 73:12-14

He Reveals a Seeming Contradiction - Ps 73:1-11

- God is good ...yet, the wicked prosper - Ps 73:1-3
- The dilemma led him to be envious/embittered - Ps 73:3,21
- He was judging by appearance - Ps 73:3; Jo 7:24

He Registers a Startling Complaint - Ps 73:12-14

- Perhaps trusting God is a waste of time/effort

He Reaches a Sobering and Soothing Conclusion - Ps 73:15_28

- He changes his point of reference
 - ...released from his self-centeredness, he begins to think of others - Ps 73:15
 - ...instead of voicing his doubts to others, he pours them into God - Ps 73:17
- In the presence of God, the lights came on - Ps 36:9
 - ...the wicked are not in such an envious place after all - Ps 73:17-20
 - ...he himself has wealth that cannot be purchased with human currency - Ps 73:23-28
 - (eternal glory; forever with-ness; wise counsel; contented heart)
 - ...envy is a spiritual disease with toxic effects - Ps 73:21-22
- He resolutely confesses that God is his "good" - Ps 73:28; Hab 3:17-19
 - ...he finds his re-assurance in who God is and where God is