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## Psalm 73

### Introduction

- Is this Christian thing really worth it...why not live life like the unsaved people around me (kids at school, co-workers, neighbors) they seem to be able to do what ever they want and life is good to them in return...not me!!!

#### I. Asaph new the truth of God's Word.

A. He was the chief musician in the "church", in David's court. I Chronicles 16:7-36.

- Read – 7 – 13, 23-24, 34

B. He knew that God was good – in his head.

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#### II. Asaph didn't feel that, that was true...

A. He was about ready to give up. (2,3)

- Why? Because he was envious of the wicked – their prosperity.

B. Here is what he was seeing when he looked at the wicked/unbelievers.

1. They have no trouble in life or death. (4,5)

- They are free from the burdens and trials of life. (5)
- They have no struggles in death – not in NIV (4).

2. If that wasn't bad enough...(6-11)

- They seem to just keep getting more and more!!!! (7,10)
- And they are arrogant about it!! Toward others and even GOD!! (6,8,9)
- They actually challenge God!!! (11)

C. What was Asaph's conclusion at this point?? (12-16)

1. They've got it all – "the good life", and it just keeps getting better and better. (12)

2. I am wasting my time being a Christian!! (13)

- My life is difficult and day long, everyday! (14)
- Not only that, but I can't talk to anyone about it. (15)

- People would think I was a hypocrite.

- It is virtually too much to bear...I am ready to give up!!! (16)

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III. Suddenly Asaph sees things differently! (17-28)

A. He humbled himself before God. (17)

- He went to the temple...we don't even need to do that, we can humble ourselves before God anytime anywhere.
- We don't know what happened to Asaph in the sanctuary, but we know the results.

B. He saw their end... (18-20)

- Their end is destruction and it will come quickly...it may not seem like it now, but it will when the end arrives.

C. He was ashamed of himself...(21-22)

- After seeing the wicked from God's perspective, he could not believe that he ever envied them!!!

D. He saw the true riches he had in God!! (23-28)

1. Protection in this life. (23)
2. Guidance for life's decisions. (24a)
3. Promise of eternal life (24b)

E. His circumstances had not changed at all. But what he desired had!! (25-28)

■ Have you found yourself thinking the way Asaph was at the beginning of this Psalm???

- How often this week did you think, if I just had that I would be happy?
- It is not your circumstances that need to change, it is your perspective. What are you looking at?

■ Are you unsaved and enjoying life?

- Did you catch what Asaph saw? He saw your end...your end will come quick and it will be destruction...Christ can provide you with the joy and pleasures in life and eternity that nothing on this earth can ever give you.

What are you looking at?

For you and I to really enjoy life, we must stop looking around us, at our circumstances and place our focus on God.