

Lesson 19

Psalm 73:1–12, 23–26 (written by Asaph)

¹God is truly good to Israel.

He is good to those who have pure hearts.

²But my feet had almost slipped.

I had almost tripped and fallen.

³I saw that proud and sinful people were doing well.

And I began to long for what they had.

⁴They don't have any troubles.

Their bodies are healthy and strong.

⁵They don't have the problems most people have.

They don't suffer as other people do.

⁶Their pride is like a necklace.

They put on meanness as if it were their clothes.

⁷Many sins come out of their hard and stubborn hearts.

There is no limit to the evil things they can think up.

⁸They laugh at others and speak words of hatred.

They are proud. They warn others about the harm they can do to them.

⁹They brag as if they owned heaven itself.

They talk as if they controlled the earth.

¹⁰So people listen to them.

They lap up their words like water.

¹¹They say, "How would God know what we're doing?"

Does the Most High God know anything?"

¹²Here is what sinful people are like.

They don't have a care in the world.

They keep getting richer and richer.

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²³But I am always with You.

You hold me by my right hand.

²⁴You give me wise advice to guide me.
And when I die, You will take me away
into the glory of heaven.

²⁵I don't have anyone in heaven but You.
I don't want anything on earth besides You.

²⁶My body and my heart may grow weak.
God, You give strength to my heart.
You are everything I will ever need.

Questions

- 1 Is it important for you to have a pure heart? (Yes/No) _____. God is _____ to those who have pure hearts. (Ps. 73:1)

Matthew 5:8

"Blessed are those whose hearts are pure. They will see God."



Hidden sins are very dangerous.

- 2 Why did Asaph, the writer of this psalm's, feet almost slip? Why did he almost trip and fall? Asaph almost tripped and fell because he had put his eyes on _____ and _____ people and had seen how _____ they were doing. (Ps. 73:2-3)

Hebrews 12:2a

Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the One who started this journey of faith. And He is the One who completes the journey of faith.



Let us not put our eyes on sinful people, which will cause us to trip and fall, but keep looking to Jesus instead.

- 3 Even though sinful people keep getting richer and richer, why are you still the richest? I am still the richest because:
- I am _____ with the Lord,
 - He _____ me by my right _____,
 - He gives me _____ advice to _____ me, and
 - when I die, He will _____ me away into the glory of _____. (Ps. 73:23-24)

- 4 What is the only thing you should want on earth? I should only want the _____ (not fame, wealth, or health). (Ps. 73:25)
- 5 Who strengthens your heart when your body and your heart grow weak? _____ gives my **h** _____ strength when my body and my heart grow weak. (Ps. 73:26)
- 6 Will you always have everything you need? (Yes/No) _____. Why? I will always have everything I need because the Lord is _____ I will _____ need. (Ps. 73:26)

Psalm 74:12–17 (written by Asaph)

- ¹²God, You have been my King for a long time.
You are the only God who can save anyone on earth.
- ¹³You parted the waters of the Red Sea by Your power.
You broke the heads of that sea monster in Egypt.
- ¹⁴You crushed the heads of the sea monster Leviathan.
You fed it to the creatures of the desert.
- ¹⁵You opened up streams and springs.
You dried up rivers that flow all year long.
- ¹⁶You rule over the day and the night.
You created the sun and the moon.
- ¹⁷You decided where the borders of the earth would be.
You made both summer and winter.



The Hebrew word “leviathan” has uncertain meaning. One possibility is that it is the name of a mythical sea monster from ancient belief, symbolizing chaos or evil. However, the word could also be translated as “dragon” (the same word Revelation 12 uses to refer to Satan) or “crocodile.”

Questions

- 7 Is there any other god who can save? (Yes/No) _____. The Lord God is the _____ god who can save anyone. (Ps. 74:12)
- 8 What wonders has the Lord performed on earth?
- The Lord _____ the waters of the _____ Sea by His _____.
 - He broke the heads of the sea _____ in Egypt.
 - He crushed the heads of the sea monster _____.
 - He _____ up streams and springs.
 - He _____ up rivers that flow all year long.
 - He rules over the _____ and _____.

- g) He created the _____ and the _____.
- h) He decided where the _____ of the earth would be.
- i) He made both _____ and _____. (Ps. 74:13–17)

Psalm 75:1–10 (written by Asaph)

- ¹God, we praise You.
We praise You because You are near to us.
People talk about the wonderful things You have done.
- ²You say, “I choose the appointed time to judge people.
And I judge them fairly.
- ³When the earth and all its people tremble,
I keep everything from falling to pieces.
- ⁴To the proud I say, ‘Don’t brag anymore.’
To sinners I say, ‘Don’t show off your power.
- ⁵Don’t show it off against Me.
Don’t talk back to Me.’”
- ⁶No one from east or west or north or south
can judge themselves.
- ⁷God is the One who judges.
He says to one person, “You are guilty.”
To another He says, “You are not guilty.”
- ⁸In the hand of the Lord is a cup.
It is full of wine mixed with spices.
It is the wine of His anger.
He pours it out. All the evil people on earth
drink it down to the very last drop.
- ⁹I will speak about this forever.
I will sing praise to the God of Jacob.
- ¹⁰God says, “I will destroy the power of all sinful people.
But I will make godly people more powerful.”

Questions

- 9 Is the Lord ever far away from you? (Yes/No) _____. The Lord is always _____ me. (Ps. 75:1)
- 10 How does the Lord judge? The Lord judges _____ fairly. (Ps. 75:2)
- 11 When will the Lord judge people fairly? The Lord will judge people fairly at His _____ time. (Ps. 75:2)

- 12 Who keeps everything from falling to pieces when the earth and all its people tremble? The _____ keeps _____ from falling to pieces when the earth and all its people _____. (Ps. 75:3)
- 13 What should you say to the proud? I should say to the proud, “Don’t _____ anymore.” (Ps. 75:4)
- 14 What should you say to sinners? I should say to sinners, “Don’t show off your _____.” (Ps. 75:4)
- 15 Can a person judge themselves? (Yes/No) _____. _____ one from east or west or north or south can _____ themselves. (Ps. 75:6)
- 16 Will evil people get away free? Or will they have to one day pay for their sins? _____ the _____ people on earth will one day be forced to drink to the very last _____ the cup of God’s righteous anger. (Ps. 75:8)



God’s anger is a righteous anger, so all people will be judged fairly.

Proverbs 11:4

Wealth isn’t worth anything when God judges you. But doing what is right saves you from death.

- 17 What saves you from death? _____ what is _____ saves me from death.

Romans 10:9

Say with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord.” Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead. Then you will be saved.

- 18 What is the right thing to do? The right thing to do is _____ with my mouth that _____ is Lord, and _____ in my _____ that _____ raised Him from the _____. Then I will be _____.
- 19 What will the Lord destroy one day? One day the Lord will destroy the _____ of all _____ people. (Ps. 75:10)
- 20 Who will the Lord make more powerful one day? One day the Lord will make _____ people more powerful. (Ps. 75:10)

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don’t give up.

21 What should you never become tired of doing? I should never become tired of doing _____.

Luke 10:27

He [Jesus] answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your strength and with all your mind.' (Deuteronomy 6:5) And, 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'" (Leviticus 19:18)

22 What is doing good? Doing good is _____ the Lord my God with all my _____, with all my soul, with all my _____, and with all my _____, as well as _____ my neighbour as I love **my** _____.

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?
