

Psalms 73

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God Is Good to the Pure in Heart

- 1** Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.
- 2** But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.
- 3** For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

- 4** For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.
- 5** They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.
- 6** Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.
- 7** Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.
- 8** They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily.
- 9** They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.
- 10** Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.
- 11** And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?
- 12** Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

- 13** Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Eternal — עֹלֶם (Olam)

Eternal, everlasting

The Hebrew **olam** (עֹלֶם) means eternal or everlasting—time stretching beyond human comprehension. God is the 'everlasting God' (Genesis 21:33), and His covenant love endures forever.

Glory — כָּבֵד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כָּבֵד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמָיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמָיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Lord — יְהֹוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהֹוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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Psalms 73:6 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 109:18; Judges 8:26; Proverbs 1:9; 1 Peter 5:5

Psalms 73:7 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:10; Job 15:27; Jeremiah 5:28

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