

# Psalm 73:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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The contrast with verse 25's devotion is stark: 'For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish; thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.' Distance from God means destruction. 'Go a whoring' uses adultery imagery for idolatry—loving anything more than God. This spiritual adultery warrants judgment. The psalm resolves: proximity to God brings life (v. 28); distance brings death. Eternal destinies hinge on relationship with God. Christ is the only way to the Father (John 14:6); those who reject Him remain 'far off' and perish.

## Historical Context

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Throughout Israel's history, spiritual adultery (idolatry) resulted in judgment—exile, foreign oppression, plague. Hosea's marriage illustrated God's faithfulness despite Israel's whoredom. Only through Christ can spiritual adultery be forgiven and intimacy restored.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean to be 'far from' God versus near to Him?
2. How is loving anything more than God a form of spiritual adultery?
3. What assurance do you have through Christ that you won't perish but have eternal life in God's presence?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵת כֵּן  
H3588      H2009      For lo they that are far

רֹמֶק יְבָשָׁה  
H7369      from thee shall perish

וְאֵת כֵּן  
H6      thou hast destroyed

H6789

כָּל  
H3605      all them that go a whoring

זָרַת הָרָבָה  
H2181      H4480

## Additional Cross-References

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**James 4:4** (Parallel theme): Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

**Psalms 119:155** (Parallel theme): Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

**Exodus 34:15** (Parallel theme): Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;

**Numbers 15:39** (Parallel theme): And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

**Psalms 106:39** (Parallel theme): Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

