

Deeply Rooted & Overflowing Protected

Psalm 73

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Introduction

Types of Psalms –

Places of Lament in the Bible –

Pattern for Lament –

Turn to our Helper (1-12)

Unload Burden – Seek Intervention (13-22)

Determine to trust God (23-28)

Hopeful conclusions in Lament –

Next Week: Psalm 119 – “Nourished”

Further Study

Matt. 23:37-39; 27:46

Ps. 44:22
Rom. 8:36
Ps. 138:6
Prv. 3:34; 29:23
Matt. 23:12
Lk. 1:52
James 4:6
1 Pet. 5:5
Ecc. 5:2
Jer. 18
Is. 64:8
Rom. 9:19-24

Is. 41:13
Eph. 2:6-7

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Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide

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Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!

Start with **Prayer** -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.

Read the Text – Psalm 73

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Journal or discuss together about the nature of lament. Why are over 1/3 of the Psalms, Psalms of Lament? What does this communicate about our lives on earth? Share testimony of how you have used or experienced lament in your own life.
2. Take inventory of Asaph's burdens. What is causing him to turn to God in lament? (vs. 2-22). Do any of Asaph's burdens resonate with you today?
3. How was the seeming prosperity of the wicked, and the advancing power of evil taking a harsh toll or having a negative impact on Asaph? (vss. 3, 13-16, 21-22)
4. Where are the places, and what are the tools that Asaph turns to in order to make some sense of what is happening around him? (vss. 17, 24-26) What trustworthy places and tools are still available for us today to turn to and seek wisdom and guidance when life doesn't seem to make sense?
5. Reflecting on verses 23-28, journal or discuss together about the hopeful ground that Asaph stands on as he concludes his lament. Which of these verses is most comforting to you in difficult seasons?

Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:

1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God?
2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another?
3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life?
4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?
5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?

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Prayer Requests

Family

Church

Community

Career/Friends

Other