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(Psalm 73)

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¹⁶ Do not be overawed when a man grows rich, when the splendor of his house increases;

¹⁷ for he will take nothing with him when he dies, his splendor will not descend with him.

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²⁰ A man who has riches without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

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Psalm 46:16-17,20

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