

***Seeing Light
Singing the Blues***

Psalm 73

*Meditating &
Praying the
Psalms*




Psalm 73 Singing the Blues

Praying Our Doubts & Frustrations



**A Wisdom Psalm
Faithful Living in
A Corrupt and Unfair World**

A close-up photograph of two mice. On the left is a dark brown mouse, and on the right is a white mouse with a pink nose and open mouth, appearing to be in the middle of a conversation or confrontation. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Life is not fair...

***When Faith
and Facts
Contradict!***

***God is good but why the godly
suffered? Why the wicked prosper?***

V1-3 Life Experience is Incongruent with Theology

*Surely God is good to Israel, to those
who are pure in heart. But as for me,
my feet had almost slipped; I had
nearly lost my foothold. For I envied
the arrogant when I saw the
prosperity of the wicked.*

Crisis of the Heart
Being good does not pay!
Crisis of Faith



V4-8 Trouble with the Arrogant & Ungodly

They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills. Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence. From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil imaginations have no limits. They scoff, and speak with malice; with arrogance they threaten oppression.



**Strong
Healthy
Evil and
Proud**

Powerful, Popular, Prosperous, Carefree

- ⁹ Their mouths lay claim to heaven,
and their tongues take possession
of the earth. ¹⁰ Therefore their
people turn to them and drink up
waters in abundance. ¹¹ They say,
'How would God know? Does the
Most High know anything?
¹² This is what the wicked are like –
always free of care, they go on
amassing wealth.*



V13-16 He was tempted to give up a life of purity

*Surely in vain I have kept my heart
pure and have washed my hands
in innocence. All day long I have
been afflicted, and every morning
brings new punishments.*

*If I had spoken out like that, I would
have betrayed your children.
When I tried to understand all this,
it troubled me deeply.*

**Want to speak up
but he can't**



V17 The Turning Point

*till I entered the sanctuary of God;
then I understood their final destiny.*

**A profound lesson in the
sanctuary of God**

A Transformed Perspective

*His Eyes Opened
His Mind Transformed
His Heart Restored*



His Navigation of Life
was with the wrong
spiritual compass

**Evaluating Life with
Wrong Perspective**

**Eternal Godly
Perspective**

vs.

**Temporal Worldly
Perspective**



V18-20 Reality from God's Perspective

¹⁸ Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.

¹⁹ How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!

²⁰ They are like a dream when one awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.

**He saw the fate of
the Wicked**



**They were
living on
slippery
slope**

**Their life was
an Illusion!**

They will be destroyed!

They were ruining themselves!

They have to leave everything behind!

They will be despised!



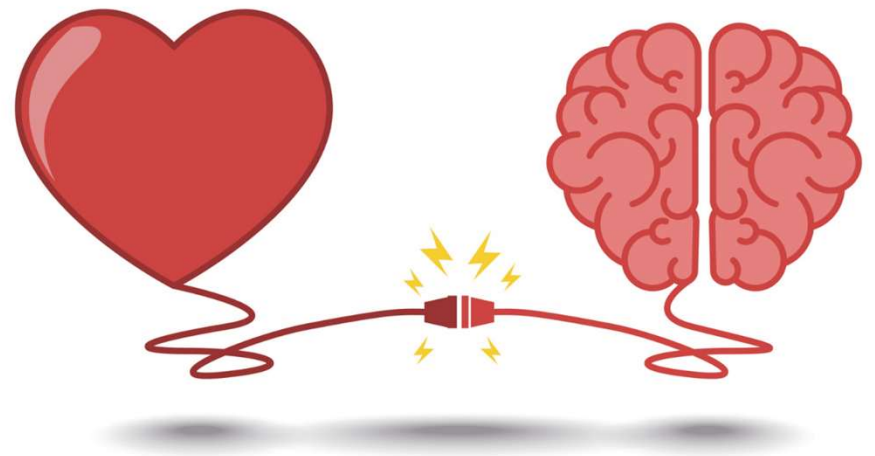
**Like a
Dream!**

**He saw and understood
his own bitter heart and
senseless mind**

*²¹ When my heart was grieved
and my spirit embittered,*

*²² I was senseless and ignorant;
I was a brute beast before you.*

**He regained his mind in
the pursuit of God in life**



V23-24 He recognized the blessings of God for his life

*²³ Yet I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.*

*²⁴ You guide me with your
counsel, and afterwards you
will take me into glory.*

**Presence, Guidance,
Providence, Protection
Of God with him
All the way**



V25-27 He Gained a Resurging Trust in God

***²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire
besides you. ²⁶ My flesh and my
heart may fail, but God is the
strength of my heart and my
portion for ever. ²⁷ Those who are
far from you will perish; you destroy
all who are unfaithful to you.***

From 'I' to 'YOU'

'Self-Reliance' to 'God-Reliance'



**He rediscovered the
spiritual compass to
navigate his life**

Gained right desire & values

*God is his sole desire,
early things has lost its appeal.*

Lived with right perspective

*God is his Portion,
his Provider, and Preserver.*



He was Restored!

***²⁸ But as for me, it is good to
be near God. I have made the
Sovereign LORD my refuge;
I will tell of all your deeds.***

***From A Divided Heart
to A Secure Heart***



He became a Witness of God

"I will tell of all your deeds."

From Test to Testimony

A Contented Heart

*A Heart of Gratefulness
and Thankfulness.*



Life is not fair...



Are You Disillusion in Life?



An optical illusion...!
You see a man running into the
snow...
But it's a dog...!!

It All Depends on
Our Perspective!

How we see
things in life

The background of the slide is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and yellow clouds. In the foreground, there is a body of water that reflects the bright light from the sky. Several trees are silhouetted against the horizon, their dark forms contrasting with the bright background. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Get Our Values and Priorities Right

What is most important?

Eternal

vs.

Temporal

Pursuing God
vs. Pursuing Gold

We are to pursue after
things of God not of man.

***“He is no fool who give away
what he cannot keep
to gain what he cannot lose”***

Jim Elliot



Come into His Sanctuary

Seek God in His truth

Seek His Perspective & Wisdom

Get Our Values & Priorities Right

Live with A Secure & Contented Heart

Be Witnesses for Him!

