

# God's Perspective for the Disillusioned

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Scripture Reading



## Psalm 73:1-3 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Truly God is good to Israel,  
to those who are pure in heart.

## Psalm 73:1-3 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup>But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,  
my steps had nearly slipped.



## Psalm 73:1-3 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup>For I was envious of the arrogant  
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

## Psalm 73:5 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup>They are not in trouble as others are;  
they are not stricken like the rest of  
mankind.



## Psalm 73:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup>Behold, these are the wicked;  
always at ease, they increase in riches.

1: Be careful not to focus on godless people



## Psalm 73:13-14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>All in vain have I kept my heart clean  
and washed my hands in innocence.

## Psalm 73:13-14 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>For all the day long I have been stricken  
and rebuked every morning.



## 2: Beware of the comparison trap

## Oswald Chambers

"Beware of allowing self-consciousness to continue because by slow degrees it will awaken self-pity, and self-pity is Satanic."



## 2 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup>Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves...

## 2 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV)

...But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.



## Psalm 139:14 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

3: Be careful not to sink into self-pity



## 1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)

<sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

## Psalm 73:16 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>But when I thought how to understand this,  
it seemed to me a wearisome task,



## Psalm 73:17-20 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup>until I went into the sanctuary of God;  
then I discerned their end.

## Psalm 73:17-20 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup>Truly you set them in slippery places;  
you make them fall to ruin.



## Psalm 73:17-20 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup>How they are destroyed in a moment,  
swept away utterly by terrors!

## Psalm 73:17-20 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup>Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord,  
when you rouse yourself, you despise them as  
phantoms.



4: We need the sanctuary of God

## Psalm 73:21-22 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup>When my soul was embittered,  
when I was pricked in heart,



## Psalm 73:21-22 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup>I was brutish and ignorant;  
I was like a beast toward you.

## Psalm 73:23-24 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup>Nevertheless, I am continually with you;  
you hold my right hand.



## Psalm 73:23-24 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup>You guide me with your counsel,  
and afterward you will receive me to glory.

## Colossians 3:2-4 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.



## Colossians 3:2-4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

## Colossians 3:2-4 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



5: Setting our minds on the things above  
will help restore our joy

## Psalm 73:25 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup>Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And there is nothing on earth that I desire  
besides you.



6: This world is not our home

## Philippians 3:17-21 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.



## Philippians 3:17-21 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

## Philippians 3:17-21 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.



## Philippians 3:17-21 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

## Philippians 3:17-21 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.



## Hebrews 13:14 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup>For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.

## Psalm 73:26 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup>My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my  
portion forever.



## Psalm 73:27-28 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup>For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

## Psalm 73:27-28 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup>But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.



7: Nearness to God is the greatest blessing  
we can have on this earth

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