



Text: *Psalm 73:1-28*

Introduction: Psalm 73 is a Psalm written by Asaph of his personal experience. Asaph went through a hard time that brought him close to the Lord.

I. The _____ of the Scriptures - Verse 1

Asaph is about to say some hard things, but only in this light, he knew something for sure!

II. The _____ Steps - Verses 2-3

He almost stumbled because he was “**envious at the foolish**”. Envious- feeling or harboring envy; repining or feeling uneasiness at the view of the excellence, prosperity, or happiness of another. The word “envious” occurs 4 times in the KJV, and all of them are about someone being envious of the wicked. *Psalm 37:1; Psalm 73:3; Proverbs 24:1-2, 19-20*. God reminds us of this, because it’s a real possibility. *Proverbs 23:17*.

III. The _____ Situation - Verses 4-16

1. The “prosperity” of the wicked, *verses 4-12*
2. The problems of the saint, *verses 13-15*
3. The pain of his thoughts, *verse 16*

IV. The _____ Sight - Verses 17-20

“Until” - He went back to the place where he could meet with God, and his focus changed. He got God’s understanding on the matter. *Proverbs 2:1-10*. The “prosperity” of the wicked is only temporary!

V. The _____ of Self - Verses 21-22

When he received God’s understanding, he realized how foolish his thoughts had been! *Psalms 51:4*.

VI. The _____ of the Saviour - Verses 23-28

V.23 - **“Nevertheless”** - Praise God that even though his thinking was wrong, God had mercy! *Psalms 94:17-19*

V.24 - He looked to the future of God’s promises. *Titus 2:11-14*

But, he didn’t stop there!

V.25 - He looked at the present. The presence of God was right there all along! He went from looking around, to looking up, **to looking at God!** *Hebrews 13:5-6*

V.26 - His problems didn’t go away, but his focus had changed! *Psalms 27:13-14; Psalms 105:4*

V. 27 - He realized that there was nothing to envy of the wicked! *Proverbs 15:3; I Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 6:10*

V. 28 - He realized that the most important thing in this life is this - **to draw near to God!** Fellowship with God is the most important thing that the Christian has! *James 4:8*

Closing: *I John 3:1-3*. **“Now”** - If you’re saved, right now you are God’s child! And you don’t have to wait to get close to Him, you can fellowship with Him right now, regardless of the world or circumstances around you. Get your eyes on Him!