



Psalms 73

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## ***I'VE COME TOO CLOSE TO THE EDGE***

### **Introduction:**

Superscription: "A Psalm of Asaph."

- a Levite, son of Berechiah (I Chron. 6:39)
- an outstanding singer in the time of David, appointed to lead one of the Temple orchestras (I Chron. 5:19; 16:5)
- writer of inspired Scripture (Ps. 50; 73-83)
- head of a musical dynasty or guild ("the sons of Asaph") that lasted over 500 years (II Chron. 35:15; Neh. 7:44)

### **I. A TRIAL OF FAITH (73:1-16)**

A. A Disturbing Problem (vs. 1-3) - The prosperity of the wicked:

I know God is good. (vs. 1)

But, I find myself envying the ungodly. (vs. 2-3)

Malachi 3:13-15

B. A Distorted Perspective (vs. 4-12) - The undisturbed success of the godless:

They enjoy health and wealth. (vs. 3-4)

They have no worries or problems. (vs. 5)

They are proud and cruel. (vs. 6)

They have everything. (vs. 7)

They are arrogant toward God and people. (vs. 8-12)

It's not worth it to try and live differently! (vs. 13-16)

## **II. THE TRIUMPH OF FAITH (73:17-28)**

A. A Dawning Perception (vs. 17-20) - The wicked are on a slippery path to destruction:

I began to see it when I came into Your sanctuary. (vs. 17)

They may seem to be sailing along right now, but this won't go on forever. (vs. 18-19)

You will bring them down; I'm sorry I ever doubted it. (vs.20)

B. A Defining Proposal (vs. 21-28) - I will draw near to God:

I was blinded before. (vs. 21-22)

I am blessed to have You leading me. (vs. 23-25)

I am willing to go forward, trusting only you. (vs. 26-28)

### **Conclusion:**

- 1) The serious consequences of doubt.
- 2) The strong confidence produced by faith.