

Psalm 73:1-14

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1. How tru - ly God His good - ness shows, Be - stow - ing fa - vor on all those
2. No suf - fring lies in store for them; They all are sleek and sound of limb.
3. They speak with scorn and haugh - ti - ness; They scoff, and threat - en to op - press.
4. Such are the wick - ed: they're se - cure; Their wealth in - creas - es ev - er - more.

Who are in Is - ra - el pure - heart - ed And have not from His ways de - part - ed.
They do not share our pain and an - guish; No trou - bles ev - er make them lan - guish.
Their mouth lays claim to heav - en's re - gions, Their tongue de - mands the earth's al - le - giance.
Sure - ly in vain I've been pure - heart - ed And have not from God's laws de - part - ed,

But as for me, I slipped al - most, For when I heard the fool - ish boast
Pride is their neck - lace, and they dare Make vi - o - lence the robe they wear.
So peo - ple turn to praise these men And they can find no fault in them.
And I in vain have washed my hands In pu - ri - ty and in - no - cence.

Of those who pay no heed to Thee, I en - vied their pros - per - i - ty.
Their hearts with fol - lies ov - er - flow, And in their minds il - lu - sions grow.
"God does not see it," they de - clare; "The Most High does not know or care."
For all day long I suf - fer here, And with new grief each dawn draws near.

Psalm 73:15-28

5. If I had spo - ken this way too, How should I then have been un - true
 6. For sure - ly Thou dost set them all On slip - pery ground to make them fall.
 7. **When I was bit - ter in my heart, And when with pangs my soul did smart,**
 8. Whom do I have in heav'n but Thee? Who shall on earth my re - fuge be?
 9. All who from Thee have gone a - stray Shall per - ish in their e - vil way.

To all the pre - sent gen - e - ra - tion, The child - ren of Thy ho - ly na - tion.
 They head - long to their ru - in tum - ble When Thou, O God, dost make them stum - ble.
Then in my fol - ly I ig - nored Thee; I was a brut - ish beast be - fore Thee.
 Since I have Thee as rock and Sa - vior, I seek no fur - ther wealth or fa - vor.
 Thou wilt de - stroy those who, false - heart - ed, From Thy com - mand - ments have de - part - ed.

I tried to probe the mys - ter - y But found it was too much for me
 How sud - den - ly de - stroyed are they, By ter - rors whol - ly swept a - way.
Yet I am al - ways, LORD, with Thee; By my right hand Thou hold - est me.
 Al - though my flesh and heart may fail, God is my strength, I shall pre - vail,
 But as for me, I will not fear: How good it is that God is near.

Till, en - ter - ing God's ho - ly place, I saw the des - ti - ny they face.
 They're like a dream; when Thou dost rise Thou wilt their phan - tom form de - spise.
Thy coun - sel guides me all my days, And me Thou wilt to glo - ry raise.
 For He, whose stead - fast love is sure, Will be my por - tion ev - er - more.
 Thee have I made my ref - uge, LORD, That all Thy deeds I may re - cord.