A Servant of God. 🡪 A Friend of God. What if we are living on borrowed time? We must overcome at least to the point of being the FRIEND OF GOD.

Ps 73:1 ¶ <<A Psalm of Asaph.>> Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. (vs. 28 But **it is good for me to draw near to God**: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.)

15 ¶ If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children. 16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; 17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. 24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

>>See beyond where I am at and begin to see the spiritual realm of his glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. 26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. 27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. 28 But **it is good for me to draw near to God**: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works

God has something greater in mind for me than I have ever anticipated before. The devil is setting snares and traps for everyone of us.

Men go “awhoring” far away from God.

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The heart needs to be tested. The heart is being tested. The Work of Faith. The work of love. Our armor is being tested. Your Work, Walk & Warfare are being tested. When we come up short, we need to be PURIFIED. In order to have a clean heart. It needs cleansing. Cleansed, Guarded, Strengthened heart. Our heart is being tested so we can have friendship. What does friendship have to do with Psalm 73???

v.25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.   
…Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me, whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee?

GODLY FRIENDSHIP,

BROKEN SPIRIT

1. Christ draws a picture , with every line of truth spoken we should honestly and carefully *compare ourselves.*

The declarations of Christ’s is so different from the popular view among men! The world view is, Blessed are the rich, for theirs is the kingdom of the world.

1. Christ says "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," which is better than being rich and better than all the kingdoms of the earth;
2. The keynote of all His teaching is not what a man does but what he **is**in the sight of God. "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

There is pride in the poor as there is in the rich. Both the Poor and the Rich must be emptied out of self.

1. This poverty of spirit receives seed for the fruit of Love which is a spiritual grace wrought by the
2. **A Deep sense of Trust in Him not a insufficiency and nothingness.**

That which is of great price in His sight is despised by men—by modern Pharisees, who hold Ps

74:11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.Let the Holy Ghost stir us up to pray earnestly for more of this poverty of spirit that we might have a good heart for the Love of God and Love for Truth.

If God can save Saul of Tarsus, He can save us.