PSALM 72

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A psalm for Asaph

How good God is to Israel

To the upright in heart

[NEXT VERSE] 2 But as for me my feet were almost shaken

My steps had nearly slipped

[NEXT VERSE] 3 For I was jealous of the lawless

When I beheld the peace of sinners

[NEXT VERSE] 4 For there is noupward gaze at their death

Nor steadfastness in their chastening

[NEXT VERSE] 5 They are not in difficulties as other men

And they shall not be chastened with other men

[NEXT VERSE] 6 For this reason arrogance mastered them

They clothed themselves with their wrongdoing and ungodliness

[NEXT VERSE] 7 Their wrongdoing shall go forth as from fatness

They passed through to their hearts intent

[NEXT VERSE] 8 They thought and spoke in evil

They spoke in wrongdoing to the height

[NEXT VERSE] 9 They set their mouth against heaven

And their tongue passed through the earth

[NEXT VERSE] 10 For this reason my people shall return here

Days of fullness shall be found in them

[NEXT VERSE] 11 They said How does God know

Is there knowledge in the Most High

[NEXT VERSE] 12 Behold these are sinners and they prosper

They possess wealth in this age

[NEXT VERSE] 13 And I said Surely in vain have I kept my heart righteous

And washed my hands with the innocent

[NEXT VERSE] 14 For all day long I was scourged

And my reproof persisted through the night

[NEXT VERSE] 15 If I should speak I would describe it thus

Behold I am breaking covenant with the generation of your children

[NEXT VERSE] 16 And I sought to understand this

It was difficult in my sight

[NEXT VERSE] 17 Until I came into Gods holy place

And understood their end

[NEXT VERSE] 18 Surely for their deceits You appointed deceits for them

You cast them down in their exaltation

[NEXT VERSE] 19 Oh how they came into desolation suddenly

They ceased to be they perished in their lawlessness

[NEXT VERSE] 20 Like a dream to one who is awakened

So O Lord You shall despise their image in Your city

[NEXT VERSE] 21 For my heart was kindled

And my reins were changed

[NEXT VERSE] 22 And Iwas despised and did not know

I became like a beast before You

[NEXT VERSE] 23 And I am continually with You

You hold fast my right hand

[NEXT VERSE] 24 With Your counsel You guide me

And with glory You take hold of me

[NEXT VERSE] 25 For what is there in heaven for me but You

And what do I desire on earth besides You

[NEXT VERSE] 26 My heart and my flesh fail

O God of my heart and God is my portion forever

[NEXT VERSE] 27 For behold those whokeep themselves far away from You shall perish

You destroy away from You all who act unfaithfully

[NEXT VERSE] 28 But as for me it is good to cling to God

To put my hope in the Lord

That I may proclaim all Your praises

In the gates of the daughter of Zion