

PSALM

# 73 Surely God is good to Israel

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1 Sure - ly God is good to Is - rael and to those whose  
 2 They are not be - set by strug - gles; they are health - y,  
 3 From their cal - lous hearts comes e - vil, from their minds, great

hearts are pure. As for me, my steps were slip - ping,  
 fit and strong - un - dis - turbed by such dis - eas - es  
 wick - ed - ness. They de - ride and speak with mal - ice;

and my foot - hold was un - sure. For the ar - ro -  
 as to hu - man life be - long. So they clothe them -  
 bold, they threat - en to op - press. For their mouths lay

gant I en - vied as I saw them live se - cure.  
 selves with vio - lence; greed and pride their necks a - dorn.  
 claim to heav - en, and their tongues the earth pos - sess.

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| <p>4    So their people, turning to them,<br/>      praise the wicked to the sky,<br/>      saying, “How can God control us?<br/>      Are we known to God Most High?”<br/>      Thus the wicked grow in riches,<br/>      all anxiety laid by.</p> <p>5    Have I kept my heart for nothing,<br/>      washed my hands in innocence?<br/>      All day long your plagues are on me;<br/>      daily are my pains intense.<br/>      If I spoke thus, then your children<br/>      would have suffered great offence.</p> <p>6    When I tried to understand this,<br/>      it was all too hard for me<br/>      till I came into God’s temple –<br/>      then I saw their destiny;<br/>      for on slippery ground you place them<br/>      and destroy them utterly.</p> | <p>7    How they’re shattered in a moment,<br/>      swept away by sudden fear!<br/>      As a dream when one awakens,<br/>      so, O Lord, when you appear,<br/>      you will mock their aspirations,<br/>      and their hopes will disappear.</p> <p>8    When my spirit was embittered<br/>      and my heart with grief brought low,<br/>      like a beast I was before you –<br/>      dull, in understanding slow.<br/>      Yet, O Lord, you hold my right hand;<br/>      with you I will always go.</p> <p>9    To your glory you will bring me<br/>      with your counsel as my guide.<br/>      I have none but you in heaven;<br/>      all on earth I lay aside.<br/>      Flesh and heart may fail, but ever<br/>      God my portion will abide.</p> |
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- 10   Those far off from you will perish;  
      you give them their due reward.  
      As for me, it is a blessing  
      to be near the Sovereign LORD.  
      I have made my God my refuge;  
      all your deeds I will record.