

PSALM

# 73 Surely God is good to Israel

Capo 1: D A (D) G (A G) D (Bm Em) A D

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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Tune: Melody adapted from a chorale in Filitz' *Choralbuch*, 1847

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This tune in a higher key: 474

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| 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.                   | 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.        |
| 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. | 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. |
| 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.                   | 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.           |
- 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.