

Finding Understanding

“Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold...

If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children.

*When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply
till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny...*

But as for me, it is good to be near God.

I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.”

Psalms 73:1-2; 15-17; 28 (NIV)

The Psalmist begins with his conclusion. Then he speaks of his journey down into a dark place and the way out. He sensed that he could not talk about his confusion to any of God's people lest he distress them. Next, he tells us where he got answers. Finally, he sums up the matter in the closing verses.

It is a most lonely place for anyone to be where you find yourself confused by God's "mysterious ways". We have been given the ability to think, to observe cause and effect, to see how a particular action will play out. Thus, when we look at the world around us rewarding evil people and seemingly punishing holy people, we find it confusing. As Christians we are children of a sovereign, holy, loving God. So how could He allow evil to go on being rewarded while the righteous suffer. It does

not make sense to us until we find understanding somewhere. But where do we find understanding?

One thing the Psalmist did while in such silent suffering was to go to the house of God. This is a most important thing to do. Since the pandemic began the Lord's people have realized as never before the blessing of being with the Lord's people on Sunday, the day of our Lord's resurrection. There the Word of God is read, expounded, the ordinances enacted, prayers are offered, hymns of praise sung, tithes and offerings collected, and mingling with the saints. In so many ways we are blessed when we assemble. Yet regardless of how large or small the group Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them..." Matthew 18:20 (KJV)

How thankful we must be for technology that allows churches to livestream their services. Never give up turning on your computer Sunday morning and tuning in to your church's service. With 56 years of preaching behind me I cannot count the many, many times people have spoken to me after a service telling me the sermon I just delivered was "just for me."

So, this Sunday get ready for the Lord to speak to you and give you understanding regarding His way in your life. Ask Him to give you wisdom into His providence, a promise suitable to your need and a sense of His presence with you.

Your Father in heaven is waiting for you to call out to Him. Come and come now.

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