



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021  
Series- Songs of experience 2, Ps 73

### **Reorienting our lives in light of eternity!**

*Those who are far from you will perish;  
you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.  
28 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.  
Psalm 73:27-28*

#### **1. Envyng the way of the wicked. Psalm 73:1-15.**

- I nearly slipped. Vs 1-3.
- The prosperity and ease of the wicked. Vs. 4-7
- Scoffing and mockery. Vs 8-12
- The seeming futility of faithfulness. Vs 13-15

#### **2. The reorientation of worship- then I understood. Psalm 73:16-28.**

- Reorientation toward the wicked. Vs 18-20
- “All that is not eternal is eternally out of date.”  
— C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves
- Reorientation toward self. Vs 21-22
- Reorientation towards the presence of God. Vs 23-28.

#### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Psalm 73:1-3. What things caused the Psalmist to “almost slip?”
2. Read Psalm 73:4-15. What about the wicked was the Psalmist envious of?
3. Read Psalm 73:16-17. What was the turning point for the Psalmist in this situation? What do you think happened to him / them, that caused this reorientation?
4. Read Psalm 73:18-28. How did this “reorientating moment,” change the Psalmists perspective of himself (vs 18-20), the wicked (Vs 18-20) and the presence of God (v 23-28)?

#### **B. Meditation & application**

5. What about those who pursue a life without reference to God tempts you toward envy and “giving in,” in regards to your faith?
6. The Psalmist was spared from spiritual ruin by a moment of reorientation in worship. What habits, experiences and practices keep you from spiritual ruin and godlessness? How does that speak to your practice of them?
7. According to this Psalm, how does an eternal perspective help us to keep spiritual equilibrium?
8. Psalm 73:23-28 reveal to us that it is the presence of God himself that encourages the Psalmist toward a sure footing. How can we become more mindful of the presence of God?

Dear heavenly Father- Keep our feet from slipping. Spare us from the temptation of becoming envious of those that live without reference to you. Help us- reorient us toward an eternal perspective where we see things from your perspective- an eternal one. In Jesus Name- Amen.