

Grow. Give. Go.

THE WAYFARER'S COMPANION

SERMONS FROM THE PSALTER

HYMN 14

"SOLID FOOTING IN A SLIPPERY WORLD"

"Be Careful: Not Everything Is As It Appears to Be"

(Psalm 73)

INTRODUCTION:

• THE CLASSIFICATION OF PSALM 73:

- The 73rd Psalm is a Psalm of _____ .
"A Psalm of Asaph."

• THE CONSTRUCT OF PSALM 73:

- 1A. The Goodness of God: A _____ of Faith (v. 1)
- 2A. The Goodness of God: A _____ of Faith (v. 2-22)
- 3A. The Goodness of God: A _____ of Faith (v. 23-28)

• THE _____ IN PSALM 73:

- The Psalmist' Honest Struggle: Reconciling His _____ with His " _____ " — what he _____ with what he _____ .

• THE _____ OF PSALM 73: WHERE ARE YOU?

- 1. Are you where the Psalmist _____ ? (v. 1, 23-28).

"Surely God is good to Israel,..." (v. 1)

"But as for me, the nearness of God is my good..." (v. 28)

- 2. Are you where the Psalmist _____ ? (v. 2-3, 21-22)

"But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling,
My steps had almost slipped." (v. 2)

- 3. Are you where the Psalmist _____ ? (v. 3-20)

"Surely You set them in slippery places...." (v. 18)"

1A. THE GOODNESS OF GOD: A _____ OF FAITH (v. 1)

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

2A. THE GOODNESS OF GOD: A _____ OF FAITH (v. 2-22)

**"But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling,
My steps had almost slipped."** (v. 2)

1B. The _____ that almost _____ him: (v. 3-15)

**"For I was envious of the arrogant
As I saw the prosperity of the wicked."** (v. 3)

- An envious heart, unchecked, will become an _____ heart (v. 21a).
It will _____ your _____ (v. 4-12) and
_____ your _____ (v. 13-14)

2B. The _____ that ultimately _____ Him: (v. 16-22)

**"When I pondered to understand this,
It was troublesome in my sight
Until I came into the sanctuary of God;
Then I perceived their end."**

- He learned not to focus on their present or perceived _____,
but to consider their ultimate _____.

3A. THE GOODNESS OF GOD: A _____ OF FAITH (v. 23-28)

1B. The Psalmist's _____: (v. 23-24)

**"Nevertheless I am continually with You; You have taken hold of my right hand.
With Your counsel You will guide me, And afterward receive me to glory."**

1C. He will _____ me!

2C. He will _____ me!

2B. The Psalmist's _____: (v. 25-26)

**"Whom have I in heaven but You?
And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."**

1C. I _____ nothing else! (v. 25a)

2C. I _____ nothing else! (v. 25b)

3C. I _____ nothing else! (v. 26)

3B. The Psalmist's _____: (v. 28)

"But as for me, the nearness of God is my good..."

CONCLUSION: