

Psalm 73

Q – If you had one superpower, what would it be?

Q – Who’s the best superhero? Batman, Superman, Spiderman, Iron Man

Verses 1-3:

- **Q - In what ways is God good to us?**
- Asaph here is saying that even though he knows God is good to His people, he has lost focus and had “almost slipped.”
- Seems to be a pattern...start something strong, then we lose focus as time goes by (school, work, house)
 - **Q - What draws us away from being the great student that we all want to be?**
- Same in our walk with God. But means more than losing focus,
- In this scripture, Asaph is being pulled away from the “prosperity of the wicked” (verse 3)
 - **Q - First Impression—the wicked prosper?**

Verses 4-14

- Obviously there are guidelines for our lives that God wants us to follow, but in this passage, Asaph is describing his feelings that those who don’t follow God are “prosperous!”
- Let’s pick some of these things out.
 - **Q - What are some examples of why Asaph says the wicked are prosperous, and what do they mean?**
- Asaph is describing an important point—sin is attractive! Even more so when we are trying to live our lives as God wants us to. Sin is good to our senses and wants to mess with our relationship with God!
 - **Q - What are some practical things that we know aren’t of God, but that are attractive to us anyway?**
 - **Q - What happened to Asaph and his relationship with God when he starting being jealous of the wicked? (verses 13 and 14)**
- It messed him up! He began to question why he was living for God, feeling insecure and “punished” for following God. Let’s look at what pulled him out of his funk.

Verses 15-20

- **Q - At what point did Asaph see the truth?**
- **Q - What does it mean to “enter the sanctuary of God?” (verse 17)**
- **Q - When he came to God and got close to Him, what did Asaph discover about those “ways of the wicked” that seemed so prosperous before?**
- Even though they might look attractive and great on the outside, the Bible says those things lead to destruction and that God casts the wicked down to ruin (verse 18).
 - **Q - Of those same things we had mentioned earlier that seem attractive to us, how do those things bring about destruction in our lives?**
- God wants us to see that this is all worth it! The things he calls us to do and live by are only for our benefit in order to save us from that ruin and destruction. And when we feel like it’s all worth nothing and we’re following God in vain (which happens often!), we can enter the sanctuary of God and be reminded of our purpose and that God truly wants to bless us.