

Addressing Our Stressing – Part 3 - Stressing Over the Injustices of Life - Psalm 73

Opening Words:

To address the stress of injustice I must experience _____ like the Psalmist – **Psalm 73:1-2**

Psalm 73:1–2 - Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.

To address the stress of injustice I must deal with _____ like the Psalmist - – **Psalm 73:3-15**

1. Our reflection regarding the _____ for the godless **Psalm 73:3–5** - For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. ⁴ For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. ⁵ They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.

2. Our reflection regarding the _____ of the godless **Psalm 73:6–9** - Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. ⁷ Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. ⁸ They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. ⁹ They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.

3. Our reflection regarding the _____ about the godless **Psalm 73:10–12** - Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. ¹¹ And they say, “How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?” ¹² Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

4. Our reflection regarding the _____ because of the godless **Psalm 73:13–15** - All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴ For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. ¹⁵ If I had said, “I will speak thus,” I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

To address the stress of injustice I must come to a _____ like the Psalmist - **Psalm 73:16-26**

1. My realization will come in the _____ of God **Psalm 73:16-17** - But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, ¹⁷ until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

2. My realization should lead to a _____ from God **Psalm 73:18-22** - Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. ¹⁹ How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! ²⁰ Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms. ²¹ When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, ²² I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.

3. My realization should result in _____ toward God
Psalm 73:23-24 - *Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.²⁴ You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.*

4. My realization should give me a _____ for God
Psalm 73:25-26 - *Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

To address the stress of injustice I must _____ like the Psalmist - *Psalm 73:27-28* - *For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.²⁸ But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.*

Today's Takeaways



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