

PSALM 73

When we find ourselves envying sinners, that's an important time of expression and formation.

Expression:

- Pray about it.
- Dig to the level of the heart: to envy sinners is to wrestle with God's justice.
- Own the weakness.
- Express the recommitment with the same level of intensity as the lament.

Formation:

- Can you trust God to be just?
- Are you living in the shame of your confession?
- Is God safe territory for you?
- Is nearness to God your ruling desire?

1. In verse 2 and 3, what specifically caused this person to “almost stumble”?

2. Verse 3-5 sound very different than 18-20. What causes the shift in perspective?

3. Verse 28 says that “it is good to be near God.” Write of a time when you realized this in your own life.
4. In what circumstances or life situations is this Psalm good for you to pray?
5. Verse 25 says that “there is nothing on earth I desire besides you.” Why does he say “desire” here? Can this statement be a true prayer for you? What wants and desires are ahead of God?