

Sermon Reflections

It's All About Perspective Psalm 73

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Summary: We Must See from God's Perspective

1. See the Danger of Your Perspective (vv. 1-15)

- Review Verse 1 and think through God's goodness.
- Discuss the perceived prosperity of the wicked. Why do good things happen to bad people? Why do we have the desire to be prosperous like the wicked, and yet resent *their* prosperity?
- Discuss what you see in verses 4-11. What are the characteristics of the wicked that you see in these verses? How do we respond to what we see in the world?
- See verse 12-14. What is Asaph's summary of the wicked in relation to himself? How did this perspective affect Asaph? How can this perspective affect us?

2. Recalibrate your Perspective (vv. 16-17)

- In these verses, what does the Psalmist see? What does Asaph learn? Reference Proverbs 3:5.
- How does Asaph's perspective begin to change? Where does Asaph go?
- What does the "sanctuary of God" look like applied to a believer in Christ?
- God's perspective fortifies our faith. How does this work? Think through biblical ways that our faith can be fortified (Kyle mentioned several ways during the message).
- Does our perspective need to change so that we can see God's perspective?

3. See from God's Perspective (vv. 18-28)

- When seeing from God's perspective, what does Asaph realize about the wicked?
- See verses 21-22. What does Asaph acknowledge in these verses? Seeing from God's perspective allows us to see our sin as God sees our sin.
- See verses 23-28. What does Asaph acknowledge about God in these verses? Seeing from God's perspective brings a new awareness of God.
 - God is always with Asaph (How is God with us today as a believer in Christ?)
 - God will save Asaph (Are we focused on our great God who saves?) and
 - God is just (Do you know where you stand before God? Think through the Gospel as it relates to justice.)
- See verse 28. What is the result of seeing from God's perspective?