

Psalm 73

TEXT: Adapted by Timothy & Julie Tennent

MUSIC: Traditional American melody

Tune: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. ¹Sure - ly God is good to Is - r'el, to those who are pure in heart.
2. ⁵They are free from com - mon bur - dens— hu - man ills our lives have borne.
3. ⁹They have set their mouths 'gainst heav - en, and their tongues pa - rade the earth.
4. ¹³Sure - ly it's in vain I've kept my heart and con - science right and pure;
5. ¹⁶When I tried to un - der - stand this, it was heav - y in my sight,
6. ²⁰Like a dream when one a - wak - ens, so when You a - rise, O Lord;
7. ²³Yet, O Lord, I'm al - ways with You; You hold me by my right hand.
8. ²⁷All of those who are far from You, they will per - ish, one and all;

²As for me, my feet slipped and my foot-hold near - ly fell a - part.
⁶There-fore pride is like their neck - lace; vi - o - lence like cloth-ing worn.
¹⁰There-fore, peo - ple turn to them and drink up words that have no worth.
In vain have I washed my hands in in - no - cence, kept my steps sure.
¹⁷Till I saw God's sanc - tu - ar - y, en - tered and saw their true plight.
You will then de - spise their im - age— they who gave You no ac - cord.
²⁴With your coun - sel, You will guide me, and make me in glo - ry stand.
You de - stroy all the un - faith - ful, who up - on You do not call.

³For the ar - ro - gant I en - vied, when they had pros - per - i - ty;
⁷From their cal - lous hearts come e - vil; plots with - in their minds do grow.
¹¹They say, "How can God know of us? Can the Most High knowledge teach?"
¹⁴All day long I have been strick - en, chas-tened eve - ry morn-ing new.
¹⁸Sure - ly they are set by God on slip - p'ry ground; to ru - in cast—
²¹When my heart was grieved, em - bit - ered, I was like a beast to You;
²⁵Whom have I in heav'n but You, Lord? And on earth want noth - ing more.
²⁸As for me, it is so good that God is near in all my needs;

⁴For they seem to have no strug - gles, strong in health they seem to be.
⁸And they scoff, they speak with mal - ice, and op - pres - sive threats they show.
¹²This is what the wick - ed look like— care-free and in wealth in - creased?
¹⁵If I had said, "I will speak thus"— I'd be - tray Your chil - dren true.
¹⁹Sud - den - ly, they are de - stroyed and swept a - way by ter - ror fast.
²²I was ig - no - rant and sense - less; could not see Your way so true.
²⁶Though my heart and flesh may fail me, God's my por - tion ev - er - more.
I have made the Lord my ref - uge, and will tell of all Your deeds.