



Trusting God in Times of Injustice



Explore Psalm 73 to journey through doubts, envy, and ultimate trust in God's justice and presence amid injustice.



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Introduction

Life is filled with moments where injustice feels overwhelming. Whether we see the wicked prosper or face unfair circumstances ourselves, these experiences can shake our faith and trust in God. *Psalms 73* is a profound passage where Asaph, the psalmist, wrestles with these very feelings—envy, confusion, and questioning God's justice. This study invites us to honestly confront these struggles while finding hope and reassurance in God's presence and eternal righteousness.

Throughout history, believers have often grappled with injustices that challenge their understanding of God's fairness. Psalm 73 brilliantly captures this human experience, beginning with doubt but culminating in a renewed perspective rooted in the awareness of God's holiness and eternal plan. It shows us that even when we cannot see immediate justice, we can trust that God's ways are higher than ours.

Over these three days, we will journey through the psalm's key themes: the initial bitterness and envy felt by the psalmist, the pivotal moment of insight when he enters God's sanctuary, and the resulting confidence and commitment to God despite life's unfairness. Each day will encourage us to reflect deeply on our own responses to injustice and cultivate a steadfast faith anchored in God's presence and promises.

As you engage with this study, may you find comfort in knowing that God understands your pain and confusion and leads you toward trust and peace.



Embrace the process of wrestling with your questions, for it is in this honest seeking that God's grace often becomes most real. **Be encouraged as we explore how to truly trust God in times of injustice.** 📖 🙏





Day 1: 🌑 Wrestling with Doubt and Envy



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Your Verse

Psalm 73:1-14 NIV "Surely God is good to Israel... but as for me, my feet had almost slipped..."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Jeremiah 12:1 - 'You are always right, Lord, when I bring a case before you.'*
- *Habakkuk 1:3 - 'Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?'*



Devotional: Facing the Dark Night of the Soul

Psalm 73 opens with a strong declaration of God's goodness but quickly shifts as the psalmist, Asaph, admits his struggle with doubt and envy. He observes the prosperity of the wicked and feels the weight of injustice pressing on him. This honest admission reveals a spiritual wrestling that many of us face when life feels unfair.

Asaph's experience shows us that encountering doubt does not mean a lack of faith. Instead, it can be a part of our journey toward deeper trust. When we see the wicked prosper while we suffer or feel overlooked, it's natural to question God's justice. These feelings might make our faith feel unsteady, but God welcomes our honest emotions.

What keeps us from bringing our doubts openly before God? Asaph helps us see that transparency in our spiritual life opens the door for God's truth to heal our confusion. Let yourself be honest today about any bitterness or envy you feel. God is stronger than your doubts and invites you to bring them to Him.



Day 1: 🎮 Wrestling with Doubt and Envy

Reflect and Apply

1. In what ways have you experienced feelings similar to Asaph's envy or doubt recently?

2. How do you usually respond when you see injustice around you?

3. What prevents you from honestly bringing your frustrations to God?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a specific situation where you struggled to trust God because of injustice.

2. List any questions or doubts you have about God's justice.

3. Describe how acknowledging your feelings honestly before God might bring relief or clarity.



Day 1: 🎲 Wrestling with Doubt and Envy

Prayer for Today

Lord, in moments of confusion and envy, help me to come to You with honesty. Teach me to bring my doubts and hurts before You without fear or shame. Strengthen my faith when I struggle to see Your justice. Help me trust that You are always good and working all things for my good, even when I cannot always understand. May Your presence be my refuge and hope today.

Amen. 🙏 🌟 ✍️





Day 2: ✨ Entering God's Sanctuary: Finding Perspective



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Your Verse

Psalm 73:15-20 NIV "When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God..."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Isaiah 55:8-9 - 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts... as the heavens are higher than the earth.'*
- *Romans 8:28 - 'In all things God works for the good of those who love him.'*



Day 2: ✨ Entering God's Sanctuary: Finding Perspective

Devotional: Seeing Through God's Eyes

The pivotal moment in Psalm 73 comes when Asaph admits, "I entered the sanctuary of God," marking a profound shift in his understanding. Away from his earthly observations, in the presence of God, he gains a new perspective that reveals the temporary nature of the wicked's prosperity and the ultimate justice of God.

This sanctuary represents a spiritual place—be it literal or symbolic—where we can step away from our confused emotions and limited viewpoints. Here, in God's presence, reality is clearer. **God's eternal perspective shows us that current injustices are temporary and that those who oppose God will face judgment.**

When we feel overwhelmed by the apparent success of the wicked, we can find peace by intentionally focusing on God's character and promises. *This practice strengthens us to trust despite unresolved questions.* God's justice is certain, even if delayed, and His care for us is ongoing.



Reflect and Apply

1. What does it mean for you personally to 'enter the sanctuary of God'?

2. How does God's eternal perspective change your view of current injustices?

3. How can you cultivate moments to pause and seek God's presence amid life's challenges?



Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on a time when looking to God changed how you understood a difficult situation.

2. Describe ways you can intentionally 'enter God's sanctuary' daily.

3. Write a prayer asking God to help you see life through His perspective.



Day 2: ✨ Entering God's Sanctuary: Finding Perspective

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for your eternal perspective that helps me see beyond my circumstances. Help me to turn my eyes away from the temporary and focus on Your everlasting justice and love. In moments of confusion, remind me to seek Your presence and guidance. Strengthen my trust that You are working all things for good and that Your judgment is true and just. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏📖✨





Day 3: 🌈 Confident in God's Justice and Presence



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Your Verse

Psalm 73:21-28 NIV "When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, I was senseless and ignorant... but as for me, it is good to be near God..."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 13:5 - 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'*
- *Psalm 37:28 - 'The Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his saints.'*



Day 3:  Confident in God's Justice and Presence

Devotional: Finding Strength Near God

In the closing verses of Psalm 73, Asaph acknowledges his pain and past ignorance but now chooses confidently to remain close to God. Despite ongoing injustice, his trust rests not in circumstances but in God's unwavering presence.

This is a powerful reminder that, even when justice seems delayed or absent, God's nearness is the believer's ultimate refuge and strength. **True security comes from knowing God is present and faithful, not from the fleeting success of the wicked.**

We are invited to embrace intimacy with God as our foundation, allowing His presence to sustain us when the world feels unfair. Our hope is grounded in the eternal, not the temporary. Through this choice to trust, we reflect the resilience and peace that God brings in the midst of hardship.

May this assurance encourage you to keep drawing near to God despite the injustices you face.



Reflect and Apply

1. How has God's presence been your refuge during difficult times?

2. What practical steps can you take to remain close to God when life feels unfair?

3. How does choosing to trust God shape your response to injustice?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about ways God has shown His faithfulness to you in tough seasons.

2. Describe how you can nurture a closer relationship with God this week.

3. Reflect on the difference between trusting God's presence and trusting worldly circumstances.



Day 3: 🌈 Confident in God's Justice and Presence

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for never leaving or abandoning me. Help me to find my strength and security in Your presence alone. When the weight of injustice presses down, remind me that You are my refuge and portion forever. Teach me to choose closeness with You above all else and to trust Your perfect plan. Fill me with peace and resilience today and always. *Amen.* 🙏❤️🛡️





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