**Grace for Weariness: God is All Around You**

Psalm 73

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**Psalm 73:5 (ESV)**They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.

**Psalm 73:6 (ESV)**Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment.

**Psalm 73:7 (ESV)**Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies.

**Psalm 73:8 (ESV)**They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression.

**Psalm 73:9 (ESV)**They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.

***Struggling with the Consequences***

**Psalm 73:10 (ESV)**Therefore His people turn back to them, and find no fault in them.

**Psalm 73:11 (ESV)**And they say, “How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?”

**Psalm 73:12 (ESV)**Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

**Psalm 73:13 (ESV)**All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.

**Psalm 73:14 (ESV)**For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning.

**Psalm 73:15 (ESV)**If I had said, “I will speak thus,” I would have betrayed the generation of Your children.

***Coming to the Lord***

**Psalm 73:16 (ESV)**But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task,

**Psalm 73:17 (ESV)**until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

***Recognizing the Truth***

**Psalm 73:18 (ESV)**Truly You set them in slippery places; You make them fall to ruin.

**Psalm 73:19 (ESV)**How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!

**Psalm 73:20 (ESV)**Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when You rouse Yourself, You despise them as phantoms.

**Psalm 73:21 (ESV)**When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,

**Psalm 73:22 (ESV)**I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward You.

***Trusting in God’s Purpose***

**Psalm 73:23 (ESV)**Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold my right hand.

**Psalm 73:24 (ESV)**You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory.

**Psalm 73:25 (ESV)**Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You.

**Psalm 73:26 (ESV)**My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**Psalm 73:27 (ESV)**For behold, those who are far from You shall perish; You put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to You.

**Psalm 73:28 (ESV)**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.

**Romans 8:37 (ESV)**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

**Romans 8:38 (ESV)**For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

**Romans 8:39 (ESV)**nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.