

**June 7, 2023**

The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

**Ps. 73:28** *But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all Your deeds.*

The Psalmist Asaph spends the majority of this Psalm recounting the many times he had fallen short. He recalls the multiple times that he had looked to the world or to the others around him to fulfill his needs, rather than the only One Who could ever do so. I wonder how many times this temporal world calls out to us and tells us that we can find what we are looking for without seeking the face of our God. He even mentions the prosperity of the wicked and that he envied the arrogant. His question is a familiar one. Why do those who seek the treasures of this world seem to be enjoying the “good life?” He even speaks with remorse in **v. 13** *Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence.*

There are so many people who feel the same way as Asaph did. We must all be reminded that what may look good on the outside is usually filled with rotten and selfish desires. It is natural to want to enjoy the worldly things. But, the natural is always motivated by our sinful, selfish nature and will not bring glory to the One Who deserves it. As Asaph pours out his feelings to the Father, he finally realizes the peace he can find in the LORD. Listen to what **vv. 16-17** remind us of: *When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.* He realized that everything he truly desired and needed was found in the presence of the LORD. With this in mind, meditate on our verse of the day: *But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all Your deeds.* AMEN!

**Dear LORD, the draw of this world is strong, but You are stronger. Help us to remember Your love and goodness to us. Help us to draw near to You and find our joy and hope in You and You alone. In Jesus Name, Amen.**