

Rock of My Heart · Psalm 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

C1

¹God is truly good

To Israel, to the pure in heart.

²But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped,
And my steps had almost tripped.

V1

³For I coveted arrogant and wicked men.

Saw their peace, ⁴they have no pain in death, their bodies fat, ⁵without
The cares others have. Never struck like other men;

⁶Pride around their necks, clothed in violence, ⁷fatness from
Their eyes swelling. Hearts flow over with folly;

⁸Still they mock, speaking loftily, speaking evil and
Oppression. ⁹Set their mouth against heaven,

Strut their tongue upon the earth, ¹⁰but people turn and see no wrong

C2

¹¹And they say, "How can God know?"

And, "Is there knowledge in the Most High?"

¹²Behold, these wicked always live at ease;
They make their riches increase.

V2

¹³All in vain I have kept my heart clean,

Washed my hands in innocence, ¹⁴because all the day long
I am struck; every morning I'm rebuked.

¹⁵If I said that this is how I'll speak see then I'd betray
Your children, of a generation.

¹⁶And I thought, "How can I understand?", but I was overwhelmed.

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C3

¹⁷Until I went to God's holy place,
And then I understood how they will end.

¹⁸You surely set them in a place to slip;
You make them fall to ruin.

V3

¹⁹How desolate they become in a moment!
They will end, swept away by terrors. ²⁰Like awakening
From a dream is the LORD in arousing;
You despise them as just a shadow. ²¹But when my heart
Was bitter, when my soul was cut apart,
²²Such a fool, knowing nothing, I was like a beast to you.

C4

²³But I am constantly with you; you are holding my right hand.
²⁴You guide me with your counsel, then
You take me to glory; ²⁵whom have I in heav'n?
I want none on earth but you; ²⁶though my heart and flesh may fail,

C5 + ending

But God is the Rock of my heart; he's my portion evermore.
²⁷For see those far from you will die, all untrue; you will end them.
²⁸But as for me, God's nearness is my good.
In the LORD God I take refuge,
That I may tell all your works.
^{1a}Oh God is truly good!