

What type of psalm is Psalm 73?

- A. Praise
- B. Lament
- C. Thanksgiving
- D. Wisdom // Torah
- E. Royal
- F. Zion
- G. Something Else (What?)

... and Why?

Structure of the Psalm 73

- Declaration Concerning God and his people (v1)
- Psalmist's Problem Statement (vv2-3)
- Description of the Evil Doers (vv4-12)
- Psalmist's Internal Conflict (vv13-16)
- Resolution (v17)
- Description of Evil Doers (vv18-20)
- Description of the Psalmist (vv21-26)
- The Evil Doers and the Psalmist (vv27-28)

Verse 1: Truly God *is* good to
Israel, To such as are pure in heart.

2But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped. 3For I *was* envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4For *there are* no pangs in their death, But their strength *is* firm. 5They *are* not in trouble *as other* men, Nor are they plagued like *other* men.

6Therefore pride serves as their necklace; Violence covers them *like* a garment. 7Their eyes bulge with abundance; They have more than heart could wish.

8They scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression; They speak loftily. 9They set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth. 10Therefore his people return here, And waters of a full *cup* are drained by them.

11And they say, "How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?" 12Behold, these are the ungodly, Who are always at ease; They increase *in* riches.

13Surely I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, And washed my hands in innocence. 14For all day long I have been plagued, And chastened every morning.

15If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children.

16When I thought *how* to understand this, It *was* too painful for me—

28But *it is* good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

27For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.

26My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

25Whom have I in heaven *but* You? And *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides You.

24You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me *to* glory.

23Nevertheless I *am* continually with You; You hold *me* by my right hand.

22I *was* so foolish and ignorant; I *was* *like* a beast before You.

21Thus my heart was grieved, And I *was* vexed in my mind.

20As a dream when *one* awakes, So, Lord, when You awake, You shall despise their image.

19Oh, how they are *brought* to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors.

18Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction.

17Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *Then* I understood their end.

What are the character flaws / attributes of the ungodly rich people?

The prosperity of the evil doers is described
as:

Name all the things and people the psalmist implicitly or explicitly has a beef with?

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