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Answering The Monster Question

Psalm 73

1. Asaph's FRUSTRATIONS

(vv1-3)

A. The truth he embraced (v1)

“surely God is good”

B. The truth he experienced (v2)

“but as for me ...”

C. The reason for this conflict (v3)

"my feet had almost slipped"

2. Asaph's FINDINGS (vv4-17)

A. As he looked around him (vv4-12)

“I envied the arrogant”

- 1) They have it made (vv4-5)
- 2) They live big and talk big (vv6-9)
- 3) They are convinced that God neither knows nor cares (vv10-12)

2. Asaph's FINDINGS (vv4-17)

B. As he looked within (vv13-16)

“surely in vain . . .”

- 1) He wondered if maybe he'd made a mistake (vv13-14)
- 2) He found he had no one to talk to (v15)
- 3) He found the whole experience to be painful (v16)

2. Asaph's FINDINGS (vv4-17)

**C. As he looked to the Lord (vv17)
“until I came into the sanctuary...”**

3. Asaph's FAITH (vv18-28)

A. He saw the wicked in a new light (vv18-20)
“slippery places . . . ”

1) Their present (vv 18-20; Eccl 2:11)

2) Their finale (vv18b, 19,27; II Thess 1:8-9)

**→ PROSPERITY IS FLEETING, TEMPORARY,
AN ILLUSION!!**

B. He saw himself in a new way (vv21-23)
“a brute beast”

C. He came to a new conclusion (vv24-28)
“I am always with you”

Consider the guy who jumped off the
Empire State Building . . .

