PSALM 73 - "JUST TRUST THE LORD!"

What do you do when you could not understand what the Lord is doing in your life or in the life of another? At times, the Lord's ways are past beyond our understanding. We could not understand some of the things (especially the bad ones) that happen to us o around us. Asaph, in this psalm, shares a great lesson on trusting the Lord and walking closely with Him instead of envying those who prospers with God in their life.

1) Asaph DOUBTS the goodness and justice of the Lord! (vv. 2-17)

Asaph shares a time when he almost 'lost' his faith in the Lord because he saw the prosperity of the wicked people and their problem-free life in spite of rejecting God in their life. He even entertained the thought that his holy living was futile and did not matter to God. He was beginning to doubt the goodness and fairness of the Lord.

2) Asaph DISCOVERS the goodness and greatness of the Lord! (vv. 18-27)

But after coming to the Lord in his temple to spend time with the Lord and worship, Asaph finally understood the plan and will of the Lord for these people. He also realized his foolish thoughts and actions. He also discovers several truths about the goodness and greatness of the Lord. That He is with him always. That even though he is weak, the Lord is the strength of his heart and his portion forever. And that He will destroy all those who are unfaithful to him.

3) Asaph DECLARES the goodness and greatness of the Lord to His people! (vv. 1, 28)

Asaph in the beginning and closing of his prayer declares the goodness and greatness of the Lord his God, and he has made Him his strong refuge. For He is good to His people and to those who walk closely with Him.

POINTS TO PONDER:

1) The Lord our God is a GOOD & GREAT God! His ways seems to be mysterious and way beyond our understanding but He is just and loving to His people. He is the STRENGTH of their heart and their life. Therefore, let us not doubt what the Lord is allowing to happen in us or around us for He knows what He is doing. But let us trust Him & declare His goodness and greatness to the nations through the Gospel!

PRAYER:

"Our heavenly Father, You are indeed our GOOD & GREAT & JUST God! At times Your ways are past our understanding and mysterious yet they are just and loving. We know that You will save Your people and have them as the apple of Your eyes. Lord, teach us to trust You and Your Word/Promises and to believe that You will do what is best for Your people. To You, O Lord, the strength of our heart, we fix our eyes of faith and to Your Son Jesus Christ. Through whom I pray all these. Amen!"