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Week 6 – “God is Just - Psalm 73”

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## INTRODUCTION

## INTERPRETATION & EXPLANATION OF THE TEXT

<i>WHAT DOES GOD’S WORD REVEAL ABOUT THE FEELINGS OF ENVY &amp; JEALOUSY?</i>
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- I. IT IS SOMETHING WE ALL \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ The Composer of Psalm 73 is listed in the Title of the Psalm  
[Psalm 73: A Psalm of Asaph](#)
    - The Back-Story about Asaph. (Rf. 1 Chron. 16:1-5; 23:4; 2 Chron. 5)
      1. He was an anointed artistic song Writer as well as a talented Musician!
      2. He was the Spiritual Leader for Thousands of Musicians.
      3. He was the Worship Leader for some of the most significant Worship High-points in the Spiritual History of the Jewish Nation.
      4. Yet He was Envious of others!
- II. IT CAN BECOME A \_\_\_\_\_ BREAKER
- [Ref Psalm 73:1](#)
- ❖ Asaph believed that One of His God’s Immutable Attributes was that of Goodness!
- [Ref. Psalm 73: 2](#)
- ❖ What was it that was powerful as to almost deal a fatal blow to this Man’s Faith?
- III. ENVY IS A NATURAL \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN WE FEEL THAT WE ARE GETTING THE SHORT END OF THE \_\_\_\_\_!
- [Ref Psalm 73:3 & Psalm 73:4](#)
- IV. ONE’S \_\_\_\_\_ SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS & WRONG \_\_\_\_\_ CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ENVY!
- ❖ Asaph believed that God was a God of Retribution and that he would deal out swift earthly justice: “Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth and Life for a life.”  
[Ref. Psalm 73:6-12](#)
- ❖ Asaph also believed that he had a contract with God that was broken: “If he worshipped and served God then it would earn him Favor with God & Material Blessings from Him.”  
[Ref. Psalm 73:13](#)

V. WE ARE \_\_\_\_\_ TO LET OTHERS KNOW THAT WE \_\_\_\_\_ WITH ENVY & JEALOUSY  
Ref. Psalm 73:15

VI. ENVY IS \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE IT CONSUMES US & \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE WE CAN'T RECONCILE IT IN OUR HEAD SO WE SHUT DOWN!  
Ref. Psalm 73:16 When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply

VII. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ & JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL  
Ref. Psalm 73:16-20

VIII. \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD WITH YOUR ENVY NOT FROM HIM  
Ref. Psalm 73:21-28 .

APPLICATION (What is my Response to God's Word?)

<b><i>HOW DOES A PERSON FIND CONTENTMENT WHEN LIFE ISN'T FAIR?</i></b>
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1. \_\_\_\_\_ THE FEELINGS OF ENVY

2. \_\_\_\_\_ INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

3. \_\_\_\_\_ AN ETERNAL-TIMELESS PERSPECTIVE ON YOUR LIFE & DEPENDENCY UPON GOD

❖ **Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

❖ **Romans 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.