

## A Prayer for Every Season

Envy (Psalm 73)

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### 1. Source of Envy (vs 1-15)

1 Truly God is \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel, to those who are \_\_\_\_\_ in heart.

2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. 3 For I was \_\_\_\_\_ of the arrogant when I saw the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked.

4 For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. 5 They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.

6 Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ is their necklace; \_\_\_\_\_ covers them as a garment. 7 Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. 8 They \_\_\_\_\_ and speak with malice; \_\_\_\_\_ they threaten oppression. 9 They set their mouths against the \_\_\_\_\_, and their tongue struts through the earth.

10 Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. 11 And they say, "How can God know? Is there \_\_\_\_\_ in the Most High?"

12 Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. 13 All in \_\_\_\_\_ have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.

14 For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. 15 If I had said, "I will \_\_\_\_\_ thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

### 2. Solution to Envy (vs 16-28).

16 But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, 17 until I went into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; then I discerned their end.

18 Truly you set them in \_\_\_\_\_ places; you make them fall to ruin. 19 How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! 20 Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.

21 When my soul was \_\_\_\_\_, when I was pricked in heart, 22 I was brutish and \_\_\_\_\_; I was like a beast toward you.

23 Nevertheless, I am \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_; you hold my right hand. 24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to \_\_\_\_\_.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ that I desire besides you. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but \_\_\_\_\_ is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

27 For behold, those who are \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is \_\_\_\_\_ to you. 28 But for me it is good to be \_\_\_\_\_; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

### How to deal with envy:

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