

## Disappointment with God: Why Do the Good Guys Finish Last?

What do I do if I've trusted God, even done my best to obey Him, and He still allows disappointment and tragedy to take place in my life? Do I give up? Do I give into bitterness and depression? How can I trust God again? How do I go on? This is what we'll look at over the next few weeks.

Does God cause bad things to happen to good people? How do we deal with disappointment with God? And worse yet, it seems that bad people get rewarded and good people get hurt. The Bible, itself, makes note of this.

### Psalm 73

- 1 Surely God is good to Israel,  
to those who are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;  
I had nearly lost my foothold.
- 3 For I envied the arrogant  
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- 4 They have no struggles;  
their bodies are healthy and strong.
- 5 They are free from common human burdens;  
they are not plagued by human ills.
- 6 Therefore pride is their necklace;  
they clothe themselves with violence.
- 7 From their callous hearts comes iniquity;  
their evil imaginations have no limits.
- 8 They scoff, and speak with malice;  
with arrogance they threaten oppression.
- 9 Their mouths lay claim to heaven,  
and their tongues take possession of the earth.
- 10 Therefore their people turn to them  
and drink up waters in abundance.
- 11 They say, "How would God know?  
Does the Most High know anything?"
- 12 This is what the wicked are like—  
always free of care, they go on amassing wealth.
- 13 Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure  
and have washed my hands in innocence.
- 14 All day long I have been afflicted,  
and every morning brings new punishments.
- 15 If I had spoken out like that,  
I would have betrayed your children.
- 16 When I tried to understand all this,  
it troubled me deeply
- 17 till I entered the sanctuary of God;  
then I understood their final destiny.
- 18 Surely you place them on slippery ground;  
you cast them down to ruin.
- 19 How suddenly are they destroyed,  
completely swept away by terrors!
- 20 They are like a dream when one awakes;  
when you arise, Lord,  
you will despise them as fantasies.
- 21 When my heart was grieved  
and my spirit embittered,
- 22 I was senseless and ignorant;  
I was a brute beast before you.
- 23 Yet I am always with you;  
you hold me by my right hand.
- 24 You guide me with your counsel,  
and afterward you will take me into glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
- 26 My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.
- 27 Those who are far from you will perish;  
you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.
- 28 But as for me, it is good to be near God.  
I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge;  
I will tell of all your deeds.

### Do "Good Guys" Really Finish Last?

<u><b>DON'T</b></u>	<u><b>DO</b></u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give up <u>H</u>_____.</li> <li>• <u>E</u>_____ the Wicked.</li> <li>• Doubt your <u>P</u>_____/Good Work (<u>C</u>_____ to God).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter into God's <u>P</u>_____/Relationship (Sanctuary).</li> <li>• Consider Their <u>D</u>_____.</li> <li>• Confess <u>B</u>_____.</li> <li>• Reaffirm my Relationship with God as <u>B</u>_____.</li> <li>• Commit and Express total <u>D</u>_____ on God.</li> <li>• Celebrate God's goodness by <u>T</u>_____ others.</li> </ul>

Answers:

Don't: Hope, Envy, Progress, Commitment

Do: Peace, Destiny, Bitterness, Beloved, Dependency, Telling