

— A CRISIS OF —
GRATEFULNESS

A CRISIS OF FAITH

PSALM 73:1-3

- 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.**

PSALM 73:12-14

- 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.

A CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE

PSALM 73:15-17

- 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.

PSALM 73:20

**20 They are like a dream when one awakes;
when you arise, Lord, you will despise them
as fantasies.**

A CAUSE FOR HOPE

PSALM 73:21-22

21 When my heart was grieved
and my spirit embittered,

22 I was senseless and ignorant;
I was a brute beast before you.

PSALM 73:23-24

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.

The background features a complex, abstract pattern of overlapping geometric shapes, primarily squares and rectangles, creating a sense of depth and movement. The color palette is rich and warm, dominated by shades of brown, gold, and orange, with darker, almost black, areas that provide contrast. The overall effect is one of a dynamic, textured surface, possibly resembling a woven fabric or a digital art piece.

**A CELEBRATION
OF GRATEFULNESS**

PSALM 73:25-26

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.**

“God did not send the Messiah as the sort of solution everyone expected. They wanted someone who would kill Romans. Jesus, instead died for the Romans. They wanted someone who would give them answers. Jesus gave them Himself.

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“What else but His Presence could have perfectly answered all our deepest needs? For though we could have never imagined it, what we thought we needed, solutions for the problems that caused our pain, would have never fixed the problem.”

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27 Those who are far from you will perish...

28 But as for me, it is good to be near God.

PSALM 73:27a, 28a

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