



7. From **verses 15 and 16**, how does Asaph show that he is a true believer who is grappling with his responsibility?

“In tracing the psalmist’s movement from destructive doubt to reassuring faith, [Weiss (another commentator) points out that throughout the portion of the Psalm (73:4-14) that speaks of his doubt, the psalmist does not mention God ... It is an indication that with his eyes on the prosperity of the wicked the psalmist did not seek God”. The Psalms, Vol. 2, Allen P. Ross, pg 561

### **Read Psalm 73:17-28. Resolution of Doubts and Refocus of Perspective**

8. What changed for Asaph in **verse 17** and what did he consider about the wicked at that time? How can this be a reminder for us when tempted to envy the wicked?
9. How does Asaph understand the destiny of the wicked in **verses 18-20**? What does this knowledge prompt you to do when encountering the unsaved?
10. In **verses 21-22**, what does Asaph confess and conclude about his journey into envy and doubt?
11. How does Asaph affirm the reality of his faith and trust in God in **verses 23-24**?
12. In contrast to Asaph’s earlier envy of the prosperity of the wicked, what does Asaph conclude about his relationship with the Lord in **verse 25-26**?
13. How does Asaph contrast the wicked and the redeemed in **verses 27-28**?

**“28. But it is good for me to draw near to God.** Had he done so at first, he would not have been immersed in such affliction. When he did draw near to God, he escaped his dilemma, and as long as he stayed near, he would not fall into the same evil again. The greater our nearness to God, the less we are affected by the attractions and distractions of this earth.” The Treasury of David, C.H. Spurgeon, pg 637.

14. What actions will you take to seek God and draw near to Him and not focus on the allurements of the world?

**Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 2:15-17**