

**Psalm 73 – A Wisdom Psalm**

**Introduction**

- What are four reasons why Christians sometimes doubt?
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- What is a wisdom psalm?
- What is Psalm 73 in particular all about?

**i The Dilemma (v1-16)**

- What does Asaph believe about God in v1?
- Is he right?
- Why, then, does he have a dilemma?
- What is the immediate cause of his dilemma in v2-3?
- Jot down a few of the characteristics of the wicked from v4-12.
- What makes Asaph's dilemma worse in v13-14?
- What happens in Asaph's head in v15-16?
- How might an atheist frame Asaph's dilemma today?
- In what way might a Christian have Asaph's dilemma today?

**ii The Solution (v17-28)**

- What is the first step which enables Asaph to climb out of his doubts?

- Where does Asaph go in v17a?
- How does this help him?
- What, then, should you do if you feel yourself overcome by doubt or discouragement?
- Why will this help?
- What is the second step which enables Asaph to climb out of his doubts?
- What does Asaph realise about the wicked in v17b?
- What does he add in v18-20?
- How does this help him?
- What should you do if you experience doubt because of the wicked?
- What should you do if you experience doubt because of suffering?
- What should you do if you are not a Christian?
- What is the third step which enables Asaph to climb out of his doubts?
- What does Asaph see about himself in v21-22?
- What does he appreciate about the Lord afresh...
  - in v23?
  - in v24?
  - in v25?
  - in v26?
- How does this help us in our times of doubt?

### Conclusion

- Is your current experience more like Asaph's "but as for me..." in v2-3 or his "but as for me..." in v27-28?
- What should you do if you are more like v27-28?
- What should you do if you are more like v2-3?