

Psalm 73, Whom Have I In Heaven

Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart!
But my feet came near to stumbling; my steps had almost slipped.
I was envious of the arrogant, when I saw the wicked prosper
In their death there are no pains, and their bellies all are full.

They're not burdened like the people, nor struck like common men.
So pride becomes their necklace, and violence is their garment.
Their eye is set on fatness, and the fantasies of their heart.
They mock and threaten with cruelty; and they speak as if on high.

But whom have I in heaven but You? On earth I long for nothing else but You.
Though my heart and flesh may fail, God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever.

They set their mouth in heaven, their tongue parades on the earth.
So the people keep returning to drink their waters in full.
They are saying, "What does God know? Is knowledge with the Most High?"
Behold, these are the wicked, at ease and gaining wealth.

In vain I kept my heart pure, in innocence washed my hands;
I'm stricken all day long and chastened every morning.
If I said, "I'll speak in this way," I'd betray Your generations.
When I pondered to understand this, it was troublesome in my sight

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Though my heart and flesh may fail, God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever.

When I came into God's sanctuary; then I perceived their end.
You set them in smooth places, then cast them down to slavery.
In a moment they are destroyed, swept away by sudden terror!
Like a dream when awakened, Lord, when aroused despise their form.

When my heart was thus embittered I inwardly was pierced,
I was ignorant and senseless, before You like a beast.
Yet I am always with You; take hold of my right hand.
You will guide me with Your counsel, then will take me into glory.

For whom have I in heaven but You? On earth I long for nothing else but You.
Though my heart and flesh may fail, God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever.

See, how the distant perish, the unfaithful are destroyed; but the nearness of God is my good
The Lord GOD is my refuge, so I will tell of Your works.