

**DIRECTION
AND
DESTINATION**

PSALM 73:22-26

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22 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Introduction

- A. Two important questions must be considered**
 - 1. What shall I do with my life?**
 - 2. Where will I go after life is past?**

- B. The Psalmist has found the answers**
 - 1. His Lord will guide him through life**
 - 2. Afterward, he would be received to glory**

How Can We Have The Psalmist's Assurance?

I. We Must Face Our Faults (v 22)

A. The psalmist had foolishly focused on other's faults

1. He had envied the prosperity of the wicked

Psalm 73:3-5

3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

5 They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

I. We Must Face Our Faults (v 22)

**A. The psalmist had foolishly focused on other's faults
(continued)**

2. He grieved over his pain and their “blessings”

Psalm 73:11-14

**11 And they say, How doth God know? and is there
knowledge in the most High?**

**12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the
world; they increase in riches.**

**13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed
my hands in innocency.**

**14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and
chastened every morning.**

I. We Must Face Our Faults (v 22)

B. Finally, he faced up to his own sins

1. He went to the sanctuary and looked to God

Psalm 73:16-21

16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

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B. Finally, he faced up to his own sins

1. He went to the sanctuary and looked to God

Psalm 73:16-21 - continued

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins

I. We Must Face Our Faults (v 22)

B. Finally, he faced up to his own sins - continued

2. In looking to God, we see our need of Him

Psalm 5:3

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Psalm 5:7-8

7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

I. We Must Face Our Faults (v 22)

C. We are all sinners in need of salvation

Romans 3:19

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

II. We Must Grateful For God's Guidance (vv 22-23)

**A. The presence of God is greater than the pleasures
of the world**

1. He is continually with us

Psalm 46:1

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in
trouble.**

2. He gives confidence to us

Proverbs 14:26

**In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his
children shall have a place of refuge.**

II. We Must Grateful For God's Guidance

(vv 23-24)

A. The presence of God is greater than the pleasures of the world

3. Our choice needs to be His presence

Hebrews 11:25

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

II. We Must Grateful For God's Guidance (vv 23-24)

B. We can live constantly in the knowledge of God's presence

Matthew 28:20

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Hebrews 13:5

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

II. We Must Grateful For God's Guidance

(vv 23-24)

C. God's guidance is given to those who trust Him

1. "Thou shall guide me with thy counsel"

**2. The guidance of God determines the direction of
our lives**

Psalm 31:3

**For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy
name's sake lead me, and guide me.**

III. We Must Grasp The Guarantee Of Glory

(vv 24-25)

“And afterward receive me to glory”

A. The assurance heaven was ahead

B. The ability to look beyond the problems

Romans 8:18

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

We Can Experience The Lord's Direction Every Day

We Can Be Sure Of Heaven Since Jesus Is The Way

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