

BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus" John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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PRAY

- Pray for the seed that was planted during an opportunity to speak at the funeral of Timothy Louie. No one raised their hand for salvation during the service but the seed was sown.

- Pray for the family of Ernesto Guzman. Ernesto passed away from cirrhosis of the liver. Ernesto accepted Christ when Alan and Sabrina visited him. Alan was asked to speak at his funeral service.

PRAISE

- Praise God for the six souls that were saved at the funeral of Ernesto Guzman. Those that accepted Christ included Ernesto's sister.

BUT GOD
changes everything

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Study Date: 05/18/25

We Are Weak, BUT GOD Strengthens

Life, along with its joys and wonders, also contains difficulties. Frustrations occur, illnesses come, and our health deteriorates with time. Our bodies bear the signs that life on earth is not perfect and that we are not meant to be in this state for eternity. Realizing that "my flesh and my heart may fail" (Psalm 73:26), we know that life is but a vapor (James 4:14). Although all people will experience hardships in this life, and death is inevitable, there is hope for the believer for eternity and for our lives on earth.

In Psalm 73, the psalmist Asaph laments the unfairness he sees in the wicked prospering (Psalm 73:3), seeming to have no struggles (Psalm 73:4), and being free of care (Psalm 73:12). Asaph's heart failed within him as he couldn't understand God's ways (Psalm 73:21-22). Many today also become frustrated at God for allowing good things to happen to bad people. But they must, like the psalmist, realize that their perspective is off. When Asaph "entered the sanctuary of God; then [he] understood their final destiny" (Psalm 73:17). While some people appear to prosper without God, there are consequences for the wicked: eternal life in hell and earthly costs, too. Having an eternal perspective gives us hope even when "my heart may fail" in disappointment or frustration.

Life reminds us that our flesh may also fail. Good health is not guaranteed. Cancer, illnesses, long-term disabilities, and other ailments remind us that life on this earth is not perfect. Our flesh will fail; each of us will have to face death. Yet the believer has hope for eternity. Christian hope is rooted in the salvation and eternal life available through Christ (John 3:16). This hope does not disappoint (Romans 5:5) because nothing can take our salvation and hope away, regardless of life's circumstances. Job knew God would not fail him even when his life should end: "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he shall stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God" (Job 19:25-26). "My flesh and my heart may fail," but hope is found because "God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" (Psalm 73:26).

The believer has hope even though "my flesh and my heart may fail." Our eternal salvation fuels our hope as we live on this earth. Believers have hope that nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:28-29). We know that this world is not all there is. We have comfort in knowing that God is with us through our difficulties (Isaiah 41:10; Deuteronomy 31:6; Matthew 28:20). Our "living hope" (1 Peter 1:3) through Christ is an anchor for our souls (Hebrews 6:19), regardless of the storms we face in life. By contrast, those who do not place their trust in God are said to be without hope (Ephesians 2:12; 1 Thessalonians 4:13).

Resource: Gotquestions.org

KEY VERSE

Psalm 73:26 (NKJV)

“ My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Read Psalm 73:1-28 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Psalm 73:26

Introduction

1. What does paragraph 3 on pg. 1 tell us about our flesh and it's weakness? What must our Christian hope be “rooted in” to be overcomers in our life?
2. What promise does Psalm 73:26 deliver to us in regard to times when “*Our flesh and our heart fail*”? Who will be our strength?

Tuesday: Psalm 73:1-2; Psalm 73:3a; Exodus 20:17

Beware Of Envy

3. In Psalm 73:2 we read that Asaph had “*almost stumbled*” and his “*steps had nearly slipped*.” What caused this according to Psalm 73:3a?
4. What firm commands are given to us in Exodus 20:17 regarding envy and covetousness? How well are YOU following them?

Wednesday: Psalm 73:3b-4, 6-9, 12-14; Psalm 145:18

Pour Out Your Heart To God

5. How did Asaph confront God in regard to the prosperity and pride of the wicked in Psalm 73:3b-4 and verses 6-7? Did he hold anything back?
6. Asaph continues his account of the “wicked” in Psalm 73:12-14? How does he define them in verse 12? Should he be this distracted by the wicked?

Thursday: Psalm 73:16-19; Psalm 73:22-24

Maintain An Eternal Perspective

7. How do we see Asaph shifting his focus in Psalm 73:16-19? What are the key elements in these verses that cause him to change his perspective?
8. Why does Asaph confess himself to have been “*foolish and ignorant*” in Psalm 73:22? What wisdom did he gain in looking at verses 23 and 24?
9. Has there ever been a situation when YOU where as distracted as Asaph by “the wicked”? How did YOU break free of it?

Friday: Psalm 73:25-28; Rev. 21:3-4; Php. 4:13; Isaiah 26:4

Renew Your Relationship With God

10. What comfort are we as believers offered in Revelation 21:3-4? Who does it say “*shall be His people*”? What will happen to our “*sorrow*”?
11. What will become of those in the end who have no relationship with God? What will happen to “*those who are far from Him*”? (Psalm 73:27)
12. What is scripture clearly calling us to in Psalm 73:28? Who must we “*draw near to*”? Who must we “*trust in*” according to Isaiah 26:4?