



## Songs of Summer Psalm 73

We all have a song or two that when we hear it takes us back to those summer vibes. The lyrics and the melody take us back to the beach, the pool, the sunset, our friends, some of our best summer memories. Those songs have a special place in our memories. But there are also songs in Scripture that should take us back and remind us of who God is and what God has done. The Psalms are chocked full of songs of summer to listen to. This summer let's go back and listen to some of Scripture's best songs of summer.

Psalm 73 gives us a picture of the Christian life, reminding us not to forget to remember the Lord!

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

Psalm 73:21–26

21 When my soul was embittered,  
when I was pricked in heart,

22 I was brutish and ignorant;  
I was like a beast toward you.

23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you;  
you hold my right hand.

24 You guide me with your counsel,  
and afterward you will receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

26 My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

- How do people think about the Christian life? How does their picture of the Christian life compare to how Scripture describes the Christian life?
- How does your mental picture of the Christian life compare to what you have experienced as a Christian?
- In Psalm 73 David acknowledges his view of life is skewed. Whether it be comparison or something else, what happens when our view of life becomes skewed or distorted?
- How can comparison in life lead us astray?
- Why does David's perspective change? What does he say in verse 23?
- Read John 14:16–7. In the New Testament we learn that by the Holy Spirit God is always with us. How can we remind ourselves that the Spirit of God dwells in us even when we don't feel him?
- In verse 24, David writes, "You guide me with your counsel." How does God do this in our lives?
- David also writes, "Afterward you will receive me to glory." How does it make you feel to know God is with you now and forever?

- David describes the Lord as “my portion forever” (v. 26). What does it mean to make God your portion forever?
- The emphasis of Psalm 73 is on remembering the Lord. What practical steps do you take or can you take to better remember the Lord?