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## MY FEET ALMOST SLIPPED, WATCHING THE PROSPERITY OF THE WICKED

### SERMON SCRIPTURES

Psalm 73:1-17

1 Chronicles 16:4-17

1 Chronicles 16:37

Ezekiel 34:26

Many in society think that obtaining *prosperity* is the most important thing to have in this life. But I tell you this day, prosperity is not the number one thing to have, *redemption* (salvation) is.

If we're not careful, we may think the same and believe we're missing out. Or that God is withholding something from us.

Whatever we need from God, ask for it in faith and according to His Will (see **Matthew 7:7**). Let's get our focus back on what Jesus has accomplished on the Cross,

and off of the wicked and how they're "prospering."

When we put God first, and start being thankful for what He's already done, the very things we're looking for (that's in His Will for us)—He will supply.

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What Jesus has accomplished on the Cross was for all who will believe in His finished work. God sent His Only Begotten Son to reconcile the relationship between Him and mankind. He broke sin's power over us (so that we can freely serve Him); He paid the sin debt for us; and He defeated the enemy at the Cross (see **Colossians 2:13-15**).

Believer's in Christ, don't go back to the weak and beggarly elements of this world (see **Galatians 4:9**). It's no joy in going back, let's press forward in Christ!

What profits a man to gain the whole world, and in the end lose his soul? You can't give anything in exchange for your soul (see **Mark 8:36**). Because of Jesus finished work on the Cross, in His divine power, He has given us all things pertaining to life and Godliness through the knowledge of Him (see **2 Peter 1:3**).

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For example, the parable of Asaph. Asaph was appointed by David to be the worship leader. He was in charge of ministering before the ark of the Lord with praise and worship, cymbals, trumpets, and with thanksgiving continually (see **1 Chronicles 16:4-6**).

Naturally speaking, who wouldn't want a position like this? Having the opportunity to lead praise and worship every day and night, and ushering people into God's Presence. But as for Asaph, when he took his eyes off of God, his feet almost slipped.

In Psalm 73:3 Asaph says, *"For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."* This shows that he was discontent and his heart was troubled (see **Psalm 73:21-22**).

*But as for Asaph, when he took his eyes off of God, his feet almost slipped.*

He assumed that God did not see the pride of the ungodly, nor heard their mockery. In Psalm 73: 11-12 he complains, *"And they say, How doth God know? And is there knowledge in the most High? Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches."*

At that moment he didn't trust and look to God for his provision, instead he started to question Him (see **Psalm 73:4-12**), his position as the worship leader, and his salvation (see **Psalm 73:13-14**). But it wasn't until he had an encounter with God for himself, he saw their end (see **Psalm 73:17-19**).

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## YOUR PRAYER TO GOD

*By the Grace of God, I will keep my faith anchored in Christ and what He has accomplished on the Cross. In all things, I will wait on the Lord and be of good courage.*

*In Jesus name. Amen.*