



Why do the Wicked Prosper?

“Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had almost slipped.” Psalm 73:1 – 2

To compare our lives with anyone else’s life is foolish. (2 Corinthians 10:12) Looking at the apparent prosperity of the wicked may even bring us to this point where we become drunk on self-pity, staggering in our own ostensible misfortunes! Tempted to offer stout words against the Lord, we fall deeper into this vanity of self. “It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully (repentantly) before the Lord of hosts? So now we call the proud blessed, for those who do wickedness are raised up, they even tempt God and go free.” (Malachi 3:13-15)

Such words may ensnare us and drag us even further into the deceptive power of the devil, hence the warning of Peter, “Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, like a roaring lion walks about, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)

Words of self-pity are kindred to words of unbelief. Focus shifts from the Lord’s ability to our inabilities, and life becomes darker and darker. The deception is broadened as self-pity uses the Word of God to dig itself deeper – “Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.” The next four words reveal the heart’s true condition – “but as for me...”

Yes, God is good to others, but he has been good to you as well! Don’t listen to the lies of the devil or to the whimpering of your old nature!

“...Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:20).

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