

## Questions on Psalm 73

1. This Psalm was written by Asaph.
  - Did he write any other Psalms? Which ones?
  - Where else is he mentioned in the OT?
  - How do those references explain why he would write Psalms, and what perspective would you expect him to take?
  - You might like to read over his other Psalms, and see whether you can identify any frequent themes that characterize his work.
2. The sections of this Psalm are marked mainly by changes in Asaph's attitude—toward God, toward God's people, toward the wicked. It is reflected in shifts in the pronouns (I/they, I/thou, etc.). What sections can you discern?
3. Can you find any symmetry among them, based on Asaph's attitude? (The pronouns help, but to a lesser degree.)
4. Based on the number of verses in each section, how does Asaph's emphasis shift as you move from the first half of the Psalm to the second?
5. What theological problem bothers Asaph?
6. How should one seek to answer such questions, according to v. 17?
7. What twofold answer to this problem does he set forth in 17-28?
8. Structurally, how does he help the reader to recognize both points of this answer?
9. Compare the beginning and the end (v. 28) of the Psalm. What change do you see in the Psalmist's language? What lesson has he learned? Compare John 21:21-22.