

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Psalm 73

Tune: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (ST. MARGARET)

♩ = 66

1. Your good - ness floods the world with light Un -
 2. So Lord, I look to You a - lone, My
 3. As tears and trou - bles come and go, You

til my fo - cus drifts to me. Then fear and
 sun, my source, my glo - rious goal! I taste in
 breathe the life that I pur - sue. Your near - ness

en - vy fill my sight. My heart has wan - dered from the
 You a peace un - known, A light that streams from heav - en's
 brings an in - ner glow, A smile that all Your chil - dren

right, For self is all I see.
 throne And bathes my heart and soul.
 know. O Lord, my joy is You!

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TOPICS: God's Presence; Joy; Lament; Living in Christ; Peace in Christ;
Repentance & Forgiveness

LEAD-IN: *I am continually with You;
You have taken hold of my right hand.
With Your counsel You will guide me,
And afterward receive me to glory.
Whom have I in heaven but You?
And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever...
The nearness of God is my good. (Psalm 73:23-28, NASB)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Reflection on Psalm 73

Father, You alone are True Light.
Only as we see You
does the world come into focus.

When we lose sight of You –
when our focus sinks to self –
all we see is distorted.
The result is fear,
doubt,
envy, and
anxious grasping.
Reality now revolves around us,
not You.
We begin to see life through a lens of unbelief, and
as we do, the unbelievers' way of life begins to make sense.
We start to share their values and
their desires.

O Father, as I turn my eyes back to You,
I see the truth in all its glorious beauty:
You are the truth.
I see life at its wondrous best:
You are life.
As I look to You, it is like looking into a mirror:
my own image begins to change.
I start to reflect Your love,
Your peace,
Your holiness,
Your glory (2 Corinthians 3:18).

You are pure goodness.
You are life's beginning and
goal and
richest reward.
Your nearness is our highest good.