Is It Worth It? Part 2

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INTRODUCTION

- Is fighting temptation on a daily basis and pursuing fellowship worth it? Yes, it is.
- And so when he looks up, it all begins to make sense. And the answer to the question, is it worth it? Yes, it is.
- It was not the world that had changed. God had not changed. But Asaph changed.

1 God's Counsel: Don't Attempt Life Without It

Psalm 73:24

- With thy counsel, thou wilt guide me. And afterward receive me to glory.
- In regard to God's counsel, don't attempt life without it.
- In regard to rejecting God's counsel, as so many are prone to do, don't attempt it. It's disastrous.
- It's the lone solution for sin. And the lone hope for immortality.
- It is a way to live productively regardless of your circumstances.
- It is applicable to every circumstance in life.

2 Our Answers Emanate From Heaven, Not Earth

Psalm 73:25; Colossians 3:2; John 17:3

- Whom have I in heaven but thee? And besides thee, I desire nothing on the earth.
- My focus and my hopes are set above where God is and not on things of this earth.
- And this is eternal life, knowing thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
- Desires directed toward earth are the ruination of most men.
- Asaph's new perception is the key to our spiritual survival.

3 God Is the Strength of My Heart

Psalm 73:26; Psalm 18:2–3

- My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion. Forever.
- He lives above time, and therefore we can trust him and we can have confidence in his word.
- The reason why he can use the word forever is because God is forever. And his promises are forever.
- My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield.
- I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

4 Living Far From God Is an Unenviable Position

Psalm 73:27–28; Acts 5:38–39; Ephesians 2:12

- Living far from God is an unenviable position.

- For behold, those who are far from thee will perish. Thou hast destroyed all those who are unfaithful to thee.
- If this is of God, you will not be able to overthrow it. But beware, lest we be found fighting against God.
- But as for me, the nearness of God is my refuge, that I may tell of all his works.

THE CHALLENGE

Can you say with Asaph, I am continually with thee? You need to be able to say that.

MY NOTES