**A PRAYER from Psalm 73 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 73 RETRIBUTION & REWARD**

**Psa 73:1** Almighty God is indeed good to Ukraine, to those believers who have pure hearts.

Psa 73:2 But I had nearly lost confidence; my faith was almost gone

Psa 73:3 because I was jealous of the proud when I saw that things go well for the corrupt MEN.

Psa 73:4 These MEN do not suffer pain; they are strong and healthy.

Psa 73:5 These MEN do not suffer as other citizens do; they do not have the troubles that other MEN have.

Psa 73:6 And so they wear pride like a necklace and violence like a robe;

Psa 73:7 these MEN’s hearts pour out evil, and their minds are busy with corrupt wicked schemes.

Psa 73:8 They laugh at other citizens and speak of evil things; they are proud and make plans to oppress others.

Psa 73:9 These MEN speak evil of God in heaven and give arrogant orders to everyone on earth,

Psa 73:10 so that even God's own believers turn to them and eagerly believe whatever they say.

Psa 73:11 These MEN say, "God will not know; the Most High will not find out."

Psa 73:12 That is what these wicked MEN are like. They have plenty and are always getting more.

Psa 73:13 Is it for nothing, then, that I have kept myself pure, done evangelism and have not committed sin?

Psa 73:14 O God, you have made me suffer all day long; every morning you have punished me.

Psa 73:15 If I had said such things, I would not be acting as one of your believers, a son of God.

Psa 73:16 I tried to think this problem through, but it was too difficult for me

Psa 73:17 until I went into your Presence in the Heavenly Temple. Then I understood what will happen to these evil MEN.

Psa 73:18 You will put these MEN in slippery places and make them fall to destruction and Hell!

Psa 73:19 These MEN are instantly destroyed; they go down to a horrible end for all eternity.

Psa 73:20 They are like a dream that goes away in the morning; when you rouse yourself, O Lord, they disappear and rot.

Psa 73:21 When my thoughts were bitter and my feelings were hurt,

Psa 73:22 I was as stupid as an animal; I did not understand you nor your power, Holy Spirit.

Psa 73:23 Yet I always stay close to you, and you hold me by the hand.

Psa 73:24 You guide me in church planting with your instruction and at the end you will receive me with honor, saying “well done”.

Psa 73:25 What else do I have in heaven but you Glorious Holy One? Since I have you, what else could I want on earth?

Psa 73:26 My mind and my body may grow weak, but God the Holy Spirit is my strength; he is all I ever need.

Psa 73:27 Those MEN who abandon you will certainly perish; you will destroy those who are unfaithful to you with eternal damnation.

Psa 73:28 But as for me, how wonderful to be near my Magnificent God, to find protection with the Sovereign LORD Jesus and to proclaim all that he has done!