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**Mixed Signals &
Misunderstanding**

Job 21 & Psalm 73

Job 21:7-34

Why do the wicked live on, growing old and increasing in power? 8 They see their children established around them, their offspring before their eyes. 9 Their homes are safe and free from fear; the rod of God is not on them. 10 Their bulls never fail to breed; their cows calve and do ...

Job 21:7-34

not miscarry. ¹¹ They send forth their children as a flock; their little ones dance about. ¹² They sing to the music of timbrel and lyre; they make merry to the sound of the pipe. ¹³ They spend their years in prosperity and go down to the grave in peace. ¹⁴ Yet they say to God,...

Job 21:7-34

‘Leave us alone! We have no desire to know your ways. ¹⁵ Who is the Almighty, that we should serve him? What would we gain by praying to him?’ ... ¹⁷ “Yet how often is the lamp of the wicked snuffed out? How often does calamity come upon them, the fate God allots in his ...

Job 21:7-34

anger? ¹⁸ How often are they like straw before the wind, like chaff swept away by a gale? ¹⁹ It is said, 'God stores up the punishment of the wicked for their children.' Let him repay the wicked, so that they themselves will experience it! ²⁰ Let their own eyes see their destruct -...

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tion; let them drink the cup of the wrath of the Almighty. ²¹ For what do they care about the families they leave behind when their allotted months come to an end? ²² “Can anyone teach knowledge to God, since he judges even the highest? ... ²⁸ You say, ‘Where now is the ...

Job 21:7-34

house of the great, the tents where the wicked lived?’²⁹ Have you never questioned those who travel? Have you paid no regard to their accounts—³⁰ that the wicked are spared from the day of calamity, that they are delivered from the day of wrath?³¹ Who denounces their ...

Job 21:7-34

**conduct to their face? Who repays
them for what they have done? ³²
They are carried to the grave, and
watch is kept over their tombs. ³³
The soil in the valley is sweet to
them; everyone follows after ...**

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them, and a countless throng goes before them. ³⁴ “So how can you console me with your nonsense? Nothing is left of your answers but falsehood!”

Psalm 73:1-13

Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. ³ For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. ⁴ They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. ⁵ They are ...

Psalm 73:1-13

**free from common human burdens;
they are not plagued by human ills. ⁶
Therefore pride is their necklace;
they clothe themselves with vio-
lence. ⁷ From their callous hearts
comes iniquity; their evil imagina-
tions have no limits. ⁸ They scoff,
and speak with malice; with ...**

Psalm 73:1-13

arrogance they threaten oppression.
9 Their mouths lay claim to heaven,
and their tongues take possession of
the earth. 10 Therefore their people
turn to them and drink up waters in
abundance. 11 They say, “How would
God know? Does the Most High
know anything?” 12 This is what ...

Psalms 73:1-13

the wicked are like— always free of care, they go on amassing wealth. ¹³ Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence.

Matthew 13:20-22

“The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling ...

Matthew 13:20-22

among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.”

Job 28:12-28

**“But where can wisdom be found?
Where does understanding dwell? ¹³
No mortal comprehends its worth; it
cannot be found in the land of the
living. ¹⁴ The deep says, “It is not in
me”; the sea says, “It is not with
me.” ¹⁵ It cannot be bought with the
finest gold, nor can its price be ...**

Job 28:12-28

**weighed out in silver. ... ²⁰ Where
then does wisdom come from?
Where does understanding dwell? ²¹
It is hidden from the eyes of every
living thing, concealed even from
the birds in the sky. ²² Destruction
and Death say, “Only a rumor of it
has reached our ears.” ²³ God ...**

Job 28:12-28

understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells, ²⁴ for he views the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. ²⁵ When he established the force of the wind and measured out the waters, ²⁶ when he made a decree for the rain and a path for the ...

Job 28:12-28

thunderstorm, ²⁷ then he looked at wisdom and appraised it; he confirmed it and tested it. ²⁸ And he said to the human race, “The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.”



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