

# Sermon Reflections

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*Godliness: A Heart Inclined Toward God • Psalm 73*

**Summary:** With the enablement of God's Holy Spirit, today's believer in Jesus Christ can turn to the Psalm of Asaph (Psalm 73) at any time and in any situation or in any condition in our lives and find means to turn to God for Godliness of character.

***Actually, only in the crucible of temptation and of doubt (in "a crisis of faith") is Godliness revealed.***

## **1. What does the heart of the ungodly look like?**

- There is no awareness of the presence of God.
- There is no sense of obligation to obey God.
- There is no trust or dependence on God.
- There is no love for God (only a love for self!)

Does any one of the above describe you at any time? What was the inclination of your heart prior to coming to faith in Christ? What is your hearts inclination now?

Godliness is not only the improvement of our character, but the inclination of our heart toward God.

**How does the illustration of a compass help visualize not only our problem, but also our great need concerning Godliness?**

## **2. What does the heart of the Godly look like?**

- How does a desire for the presence of God affect your thinking and motivation?
- What are some recent ways your life has evidenced obedience to God?
- When are you most dependent on God's provision?
- When has your heart been most encouraged to love God supremely?

## **3. A Program from Psalm 73 for Turning to God**

- How can you go into the sanctuary of God? (v17)
- What do you need to do to Let the truth of God transform your mind? (v. 1; v. 18)
- What prevents you from confessing your sins and keeping short accounts with God? (vv. 13-14)
- How might you draw nearer to God and in order to walk with Him? (vv. 23-24)
- What would a pursuit of supreme love for Him look like in your life? (v. 25)
- How can you help on another trust the Him and make Him your refuge? (v. 28)