



## When God Seems To Bless The UnGodly More Than The Godly

### MAIN THING

When God Doesn't Make Sense, Our Greatest Weapon Is Worship

### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 73:1-28

### ICEBREAKER

The most unfair thing in life is . . . .

### OPENING THOUGHT

Why should we follow Jesus? After all, Bill Gates and Elon Musk and so many of the ultra-rich are atheists. Nice guys finish last. Life is just so much easier for people who mock and scoff at faith, right? At least it seems that way.

Why is it that God seems to bless the ungodly? Why are their lives so easy and good? Why does God allow them to prosper while those who love God have it so hard? We've all asked those questions, and we aren't alone. The Bible deals with that very topic in a direct, uncompromising way. In fact, there is an entire Psalm devoted specifically devoted to that very issue.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. The sermon talked about the six complaints that the man said to God. They were 1) They live in prosperity, 2) They live without problems, 3) They have it easy, 4) They are popular, 5) They have no consequences, and 6) They go from rich to richer. Have you ever voiced those complaints to God, questioning what the benefits of living for Christ actually are?
3. The sermon said that worship was the thing that changed him. Getting alone with God allowed him to see the truth instead of the facade. Why do you think worship has such an effect on us?
4. Do you truly believe that God is the greatest treasure on earth? What would life look like for you if He was the thing you valued more than anything else in the world?

### LIFE APPLICATION AND CHALLENGE

"Deconstruction" is a huge thing right now. High-profile people like author Joshua Harris, musician Kevin Max of Dc Talk and Audio Adrenalin, etc have come out publicly and stated that they are no longer believers in Christ. It is a huge thing among twenty somethings and is all over social media.

However, it isn't new. Psalm 73 was written by a man looking back on his temptation to do exactly what these high-profile people are doing right now. Fortunately, he says, he didn't make the mistake. He saw the truth of what the world promises, how quickly the wicked are destroyed, and how foolish it would be to walk away from the greatest treasure in our lives-God.

Whenever you believe it is futile to serve God, whenever you begin to make the mistake of envying the arrogant, go back to Psalm 73 and read it. Let it minister to you and let it reveal the truth to you. There is nothing to envy about the nonbeliever.