

FEBRUARY 9

**“BITTERNESS HIDES INSIDE US
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READ

Psalm 73:1-28

David knew that God is good, yet when he started looking around he became discouraged. He envied the proud, he took his eyes off the goodness of God, and started looking at “them.” Ten times in a few verses, the psalmist says “them” or “they.” “They” have painless lives and it seems all is well with “them.” We’re prone to do the same thing. We ask, “Why is my life all to pieces? Why won’t my answer come?” These are common questions God’s children ask, even knowing that God is good. When the psalmist got his eyes back on God, he understood that God was going to take care of wickedness, sin and hypocrisy; God was still in control. He realized his heart was bitter looking at “them,” listening to “them,” and letting “them” affect him. Bitterness is so deceptive. It hides inside us disguised as pain, camouflaged as hurt. It affects everything we do. The psalmist didn’t realize he was bitter until he got his eyes off people, and put them back on the Lord. It’s the same for us today, declaring, “There is none on earth that I desire besides You.”

PRAY

Jesus, draw me to You and help me to trust You. Search my heart for any bitterness that may be hiding there. Expose and remove any root of bitterness in me. I want no barrier between me and You.

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