

PSALM

73 Surely God is good to Israel

Capo 1: **D A (D) G (A G) D (Bm Em) A D**

1 Sure - ly God is good to Is - rael and to those whose
 2 They are not be - set by strug - gles; they are health - y,
 3 From their cal - lous hearts comes e - vil, from their minds, great

D A7 D G D C G D

hearts are pure. As for me, my steps were slip - ping,
 fit and strong - un - dis - turbed by such dis - eas - es
 wick - ed - ness. They de - ride and speak with mal - ice;

A D (Bm) A E A D A D

and my foot - hold was un - sure. For the ar - ro -
 as to hu - man life be - long. So they clothe them -
 bold, they threat - en to op - press. For their mouths lay

G (A G) D (Bm Em) A D A D

gant I en - vied as I saw them live se - cure.
 selves with vio - lence; greed and pride their necks a - dorn.
 claim to heav - en, and their tongues the earth pos - sess.

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 Tune: Melody adapted from a chorale in Filitz' *Choralbuch*, 1847

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 MANNHEIM
 This tune in a higher key: 474

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- 4 So their people, turning to them,
praise the wicked to the sky,
saying, "How can God control us?
Are we known to God Most High?"
Thus the wicked grow in riches,
all anxiety laid by.
- 5 Have I kept my heart for nothing,
washed my hands in innocence?
All day long your plagues are on me;
daily are my pains intense.
If I spoke thus, then your children
would have suffered great offence.
- 6 When I tried to understand this,
it was all too hard for me
till I came into God's temple –
then I saw their destiny;
for on slippery ground you place them
and destroy them utterly.
- 7 How they're shattered in a moment,
swept away by sudden fear!
As a dream when one awakens,
so, O Lord, when you appear,
you will mock their aspirations,
and their hopes will disappear.
- 8 When my spirit was embittered
and my heart with grief brought low,
like a beast I was before you –
dull, in understanding slow.
Yet, O Lord, you hold my right hand;
with you I will always go.
- 9 To your glory you will bring me
with your counsel as my guide.
I have none but you in heaven;
all on earth I lay aside.
Flesh and heart may fail, but ever
God my portion will abide.
- 10 Those far off from you will perish;
you give them their due reward.
As for me, it is a blessing
to be near the Sovereign LORD.
I have made my God my refuge;
all your deeds I will record.