

Psalm 73

But as for me...

Asaph was a man struggling with whether his worldview would be determined by what he observed or by what he knew to be true about God. He was about to experience a major paradigm shift.

- What is a worldview? A comprehensive conception or philosophy of the universe and humanity's relation to it.
- What is a paradigm? A framework of basic assumption or ways of thinking.

In Psalm 73 we see a man's worldview challenged and clarified or as James Montgomery Boice calls it a paradigm shift. The Psalm is a recounting of Asaph's journey through a major paradigm shift.

- Worldview stated vs 1
 - The Psalter states his conclusion

- Worldview questioned vs 2-3
 - Honest confession

 - The sin of envy

- An ill conceived worldview vs 4-14
 - The wicked are healthy, wealthy and prosperous vs 4-12

 - Self-pity vs 14

 - Realization of consequences vs 15

- An epiphany vs 16-22
 - From the sanctuary of God

 - The destiny of the wicked vs 18-20

- The foolishness of his doubt vs 21-22

- Consequences of a worldview
 - God is my everything vs 23-26

 - The wicked have no part of God vs 27

- The paradigm shift vs 28
 - Regardless of how it seems God is still God

Application:

Sometimes we will not understand but we need to trust that God is good and does good.

Our worldview should compel us to evangelize.