

## How to Stay Content in a Fallen World

### Psalm 73

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73:1-2 - Asaph struggled so severely that he nearly fell from the faith. He struggled with understanding why he suffered while the wicked were prosperous.

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#### **1. We Must View Our Circumstances Through the Lens of Scripture and What Scripture Teaches Us About God**

We must view life through the lens of God instead of viewing God through the lens of life.

When we focus on earthly circumstances without the lens of God, we are prone to discouragement and despair.

Definition of Contentment - *That sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.* - Jeremiah Burroughs

#### George Müller - Psalm 84:11

*And so my heart was at rest. I was satisfied with God. And all this springs, as I have often said before, from taking God at his word and believing what he says.* - Müller

## **2. We Must Have An Eternal Mindset Throughout All of Life**

Can we take God at His Word that eternity will be worth it? And that to die is gain? And that to die and be with the Lord is far better?

Luke 16:19-31 - The rich man and Lazarus  
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

## **3. We Must Trust that Christ is Sufficient**

God is our portion

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Psalm 90:10-14

Psalm 63:1, 5-8

### **Meditation**

What has changed about my understanding of God?

What did Scripture teach me about myself?

What needs to change in my life as a result of this sermon?

Are there any areas of my life I am discontent because I am not trusting God's provision?

Where do I need to take God at His Word?