

I Almost Gave Up

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1 Chronicles 16:4-7, *“David appointed some of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the Lord, even to celebrate and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel: ⁵ Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah...with musical instruments, harps, lyres; also Asaph played loud-sounding cymbals... Then on that day David first assigned Asaph and his relatives to give thanks to the Lord.”*

1 Chronicles 25:6-7, *“Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman were under the direction of the king. ⁷ Their number who were trained in singing to the Lord, with their relatives, all who were skillful, was 288.”*

Psalms 73:2, *“But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling, my steps had almost slipped.”*

Psalms 73:1, *“Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart!”*

Psalms 73:3-12, *“I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness. They seem to live such painless lives; their bodies are so healthy and strong. They don’t have troubles like other people; they’re not plagued with problems like everyone else. They wear pride like a jeweled necklace and clothe themselves with cruelty. From their callous hearts comes sin; their evil imaginations have no limits. They scoff and speak only evil; in their pride they seek to crush others. They boast against the very heavens, and their words strut throughout the earth. And so the people are dismayed and confused, drinking in all their words. “What does God know?” they ask. “Does the Most High even know what’s happening?” Behold, these are the wicked; and always at ease, they have increased in wealth.”*

Psalms 73:14, *“I get nothing but trouble all day long; every morning brings me pain.”*

Psalms 73:13, *“Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? Did I keep myself innocent for no reason?”*

1 Peter 5:8, *“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”*

Ephesians 6:11, *“Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.”*

Psalms 73:15, *“If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed Your children.”*

James 1:2-3, *“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”*