

ENDURANCE – A PRESUPPOSITION ABOUT GOD

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ENDURANCE IS DEPENDANT ON THE CHARACTER OF GOD

Hebrews 11:6 Hebrews 6:10 Malachi 2:17

Psalm 73

A. Affirmation is the fuel that runs the engine of endurance.

Psalm 73:1

1. God is!
2. God is good to those who are pure in heart.

B. Envy is the enemy of endurance. Psalm 73:2

1. Envy starts with a loss of our presupposition, our view of God.
2. Envy finally distorts all reality. Psalm 73:4-12
3. Envy ends in self-pity which makes us completely immobile. Psalm 73:13-14
4. Envy cannot answer life's most pressing questions.
Psalm 73:15-16/21-22

C. Endurance is a fixation on God. Psalm 73:17

Healing often is not a change in our circumstances but a change in focus.

1. God loves and watches over those who love Him.
 - a. He protects them. Vs 23
 - b. He guides them with His counsel. Vs 24
 - c. He will receive us into glory.
 - d. He is our portion – all that I need. Vs 25-28
2. The strength and prosperity of the wicked will not rescue them from God.
 - a. They will have hell as their destiny.
 - b. They will be destroyed.
 - c. They will be robbed of peace.
 - d. They will be despised by God.