

Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:25-26 (NIV)

My Strength

There is a lot I don't get. There is plenty I don't understand. **Like what?** I don't get or understand how the wicked can seem to prosper while the righteous seem to suffer. **You have used an important key word.** What word is that? **Take a guess.** I used the word seem. Is that a key word? **Yes, it is.** **Why did you even think to use that word in your question?** I guess I was open to the idea that I might not have the correct perspective. I might be seeing life from the wrong vantage point. **Is that a rare occurrence?** Is what a rare occurrence? **Is your not having the correct perspective or right vantage point a rare occurrence?** No, it is not. I often get things wrong. There are plenty of times that I have not understood life correctly. **That's a good admission on your part.**

Do you want to get things right? Do you want to understand life correctly? Yes, I do. **What will you do if you really want to get things right and understand life correctly?** I won't rely on my own understanding. I will admit that I need help. **That is a good start. What else?** I will stop looking all around me. I will quit comparing my life to others. **That is also good. What else?** I will come to you. I will enter in your presence. I will ask you questions. I will seek your wisdom. I will wait for your answers. I will place all my faith and hope and trust in you. **That is very good.**

When you have entered my presence what have I shown you? You have shown me that this life is very temporary. You have shown me that this life is like a mist or a mirage that will soon pass away. This life is like the blink of an eye or the snap of the fingers. It is here today and gone tomorrow. Those who are rich and strong and powerful today may be paupers and weaklings tomorrow. What looks like success and prosperity today may be desperate poverty tomorrow. The wicked who seem to be succeeding in this life will certainly fail in the next life. The godly who seem to be suffering in this life are awaiting a rich inheritance with you in the next life. **That's true. That's right. That's good.**

What else have you learned in my presence? I have learned that you are good and right and true. I have learned that I can hold on to you. I have learned that you are with me to help me. You are guarding and guiding my life. I have learned that I would not trade being close to you for anything that this life has to offer. You are my refuge. You are my strength. I will rely on you. **That is very good.**

*Lord, I have been discouraged in my heart when I have envied the arrogant and seen the prosperity of the wicked. No more!
Instead I will keep my eyes on you. You have brought strength to my heart as I have drawn near to you. Amen*

Heart *Strength Of My Heart*

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NIV Psalm 73:25-26

Heart *Strength Of My Heart*

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

ESV Psalm 73:25-26

Heart *Strength Of My Heart*

Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever.

NLT Psalm 73:25-26

Heart *Strength Of My Heart*

Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

NKJV Psalm 73:25-26

Heart *Strength Of My Heart*

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

NRSV Psalm 73:25-26

Heart *God Is Rock Firm And Faithful*

You're all I want in heaven! You're all I want on earth! When my skin sags and my bones get brittle, GOD is rock-firm and faithful.

MSG Psalm 73:25-26

Heart *Strength Of My Heart*

Whom have I in heaven but You? And I have no delight or desire on earth besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the Rock and firm Strength of my heart and my Portion forever.

AMP Psalm 73:25-26

Heart *Strength Of My Heart*

Whom have I in heaven but you? And I desire no one on earth as much as you! My health fails; my spirits droop, yet God remains! He is the strength of my heart; he is mine forever!

TLB Psalm 73:25-26

Heart *Strength Of My Heart*

Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

NASB Psalm 73:25-26

Heart *God Is My Strength*

I have no one in heaven but you; I want nothing on earth besides you. My body and my mind may become weak, but God is my strength. He is mine forever.

NCV Psalm 73:25-26

Strength Of My Heart

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Heart – Psalm 73:25-26

In Context: Read Psalm 73

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I have been discouraged in my heart when I have envied the arrogant and seen the prosperity of the wicked. No more! Instead I will keep my eyes on you. You have brought strength to my heart as I have drawn near to you. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When has envying the arrogant and seeing the prosperity of the wicked been like an attack on your heart?

How has God been the strength of your heart even while you have been grieved, sad or angry?

When has entering into worship God helped your heart to see life in its true and proper perspective?

How has God's counsel, guidance and strength brought strength to your heart as you have followed Him?

When have you drawn near to God and taken refuge in Him to allow Him to be the strength of your heart?

How would you like God to strengthen and encourage your heart today as you draw near to Him?

When has remembering and telling others about God's goodness brought renewed strength to your heart?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Take refuge in God and rely on Him as the strength of your heart to sustain you through all that you experience in life.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will be the strength of your heart, as you draw near to Him, no matter what you go through in life.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God has been the strength of your heart as you draw near to Him.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you take refuge in God and allow Him to be the strength of your heart through all that you experience in life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will take refuge in you and rely on you to be the strength of my heart through all I experience in life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do I need to rely on you to sustain me and be the strength of my heart today?
