***Psalm 73:1-28***

***Asaph & the Sanctuary of God***

I Intro

 (1Chron 6, 15, 16, 25; 2Chron 29; Psa 73:1-3)

 Who was Asaph

 What was Asaph’s struggle

II Asaph’s Observations

 (Psa 73:3-12)

Wicked men’s ways

 Wicked men’s lot

III Asaph’s Attitude in Response

 (Psa 73:2-3, 13-15, 21-22; Acts 17; 2Pet 2; Rom 12:19; 9:22-24; Prov 17:20; Lk 18:9-14; Eph 1:3; Jam 1:2-4;

 Prov 14:30; Jam 3:14-16; Eph 4:31)

 Vexed & Envious

 Exaggerated perception of wicked men’s ease

 Erroneous view of God’s dispensation of justice

 Distorted view of his own righteousness

 Exaggerated perception of his own trials

 Distorted view of God’s provision & goodness for His people

 Bitter, foolish, ignorant

IV The Lord Changes Asaph’s Perspective

 (Psa 73:1, 17-20, 23-28; Jam 4:8-10; Psa 51:10; Psa 139:23-24; Jam 1:5; Matt 7:11; Heb 12:5-11; Matt 6:30-33

 Turning point – coming into the sanctuary of God

 Renewed mind on God’s justice for evil

 Renewed mind on God’s goodness to His people

 Righteous fruit of God’s chastening

 Drawing near to God through Christ, trust and devotion

V Final Application, Promise

 (Psalm 37:1-4, 7-11)