



## PEACE WITH GOD SERIES

### “Peace When You Don’t Know The Way”

#### Introduction: PEACE WITH GOD

Psalm 73

One of the biggest **THIEVES** to PEACE is CONFUSION.

#### Confusion Defined:

1. To mix up, jumble together and put in disorder.
2. An inability to discern between things.
3. A lack of orderly thinking in the midst of problems.

#### Confusion is NOT the will of GOD:

- 1 Corinthians 14:33
- 1 Corinthians 14:40

#### Psalm 73 in Context:

When it seems that the **WICKED** are prospering and the faithful believer is **SINKING**.

Where are the Christians who have not struggled with this same problem? Righteous people seem pressed down on every side, often struggling with the necessities of life; whereas, openly arrogant and wicked non-believers walk around parading their godless lives.

This just doesn’t seem right, and many healthy, strong and committed Christians are left CONFUSED. How do you handle situations like this?

1. **Share** what’s going on in your heart – **Psalm 73 1-14**
  - Even Christians struggle with doubt and confusion when God’s truth seems to contradict their present condition.
  - Always be HONEST with your reality.
2. Think **Carefully** when facing life’s challenges – **Psalm 73 15-16**
  - Your decisions have a DIRECT impact on those around you.
  - Don’t let your issue cause you to act out of EMOTIONS or out of CHARACTER – **Proverbs 17:28; James 1:19-20**
3. Always focus on the **Larger** view – **Psalm 73 17-26**
  - What you see will determine what you feel.

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#### THE HOUSE OF HOPE MACON

- Your **beliefs** become your thoughts; your thoughts become your words; your words become your actions; your actions become your habits; your habits become your values; and your values become your **destiny**.

4. **Reaffirm** your connection with God –

**Psalm 73 27-28**

- **Who** is GOD to you?
  - **What** has GOD done for you?
  - **Why** do you RESPOND like you do?
- a. How do you respond when you experience the troubles of life?
- b. What life lessons were helpful to you? **Why?**