

## Sermon Outline

### Orientation

We're doing a series on the Psalms, with a focus on the structure of the book, and on the portrait of the Messiah revealed by its structure and contents.

### Body

#### I. Big Picture Focus on the Psalms

Recall the Five-Book Structure

Two Further Things to Appreciate

-the variety of Psalms

Application: God the God of all of life!

-the bi-directionality of the Psalm's divine inspiration

Application: God the sensitive therapist

#### II. A Closer Look at Psalm 73

##### Beware of the Lure of Life on Easy Street!

Subject: Two Ways to Respond to the Lure of Life on Easy Street

Complement:

With eyes on it *from your perspective now*, which results in envy, despair, cynicism, and doubt

With eyes on it *from God's perspective later*, which leads to renewed gratitude for the gift of God's eternal presence

- A. Plugging the Psalm into the Structure of the Book (its 'central,' threatens to take one of the track of Psalms 1 and 2 (via Ps 72).
- B. Selected Exposition, Part by Part (see translation)

### Conclusion