

## **BILINGUAL WORSHIP**

**27 December 2020**

**Text: Psalm 73**

**Title: “God is the strength of my life”**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1. Reflecting 2020**

- a) It has been a tough year for
  - i) The world
  - ii) For Singapore
  - iii) For us, individually
- b) But it also has been a year where we appreciate afresh
  - i) God’s protection
  - ii) God’s provision of a good government
  - iii) God’s power in our life

#### **2. Ending the year 2020**

- a) In worship
- b) In reading God’s word
- c) In renewal of faith in God

### **THE FOOLISH MISTAKES WE MAKE**

#### **1. Many mistakes made by many countries made this year in the handling of Covid-19**

- a) Costly mistakes
- b) Jobs lost
- c) More than a million lives lost

#### **2. Many personal mistakes made by the individual**

- a) The confession of the Psalmist Asaph
- b) His angry feelings

c) His feelings of doubt and despair

d) His lack of trust

3. His confession:

<sup>21</sup> *Thus my heart was grieved,*

*And I was vexed in my mind.*

<sup>22</sup> *I was so foolish and ignorant;*

*I was like a beast before You.*

Psalm 73:21-22

a) Grieved in the heart

b) Vexed in the mind

c) Foolish

d) Ignorant

e) Like a beast

### **BUT FAITH WAS INTACT**

<sup>23</sup> Nevertheless I *am* continually with You;

You hold *me* by my right hand.

<sup>24</sup> You will guide me with Your counsel,

And afterward receive me *to* glory.

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven *but* You?

And *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides You.

<sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart fail;

*But* God *is* the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:23-26

1. Faith in God was not lost

*I am continually with You Psalm 73:23a*

a) He did not depart from his faith in God

b) He held on to his faith

2. He was thankful

a) That God had been kind

b) That He had been gracious and merciful

c) God helped him in his understanding of faith and life

## **THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD**

1. God's nearness

*You hold me by my right hand*                      *Psalm 73:23b*

a) This speaks of God's presence

b) God continued to be near

2. God's guidance

*You will guide me with Your counsel*                      *Psalm 73:24a*

a) God will guide indeed

b) He guides through the Scriptures we read

c) He guides by the people who help us

3. God will receive us in Heaven

*And afterward receive me to glory*                      *Psalm 73:24b*

a) Heaven is a glorious place

b) Death need not be feared

c) We go to our glory

4. God will continue to give us strength

*My flesh and my heart fail*

*But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever* Psalm 73:26

- a) Our flesh may fail us (we know this is true as we grow older)
- b) Our heart may fail us
  - i) Physically
  - ii) Figuratively
- c) But God will give us His strength
  - i) Let us choose God as our portion
  - ii) Let us choose to be faithful to God forever

## **CONCLUDING THE YEAR 2020 WELL**

Whom have I in heaven *but You*?

And *there is none* upon earth *that* I desire besides You. Psalm 73:25

1. Heaven

- a) It is a wonderful place
- b) The most wonderful thing to look forward to in Heaven

We will see the Lord our God!

2. Earth

- a) There are many we love on earth
  - i) Family
  - ii) Friends
- b) God should be the One we love best of all