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DEVO Day #1 - God Has  
Everything Under Control!  
By: Pastor Dale Klaehn

Read Psalm 73.

The wicked seem to be always reaping the good things in life while the righteous are suffering. Recently my wife was talking about some of her family members and how they are reaping certain benefits from her father. The ones that are following the way of the world are being treated better than the ones that sacrifice their time and energy to help. My only reply was "God has it all under control!" Many times in life we see the unsaved prospering in life while we that are faithfully serving the Lord are struggling to make it.

In our Scripture today, the psalmist struggles within himself as to the appropriate response to evil and injustice in the world. His vivid description of the wicked moves him to greater despair until he reflects on his God. Then he again claims the promises of God's presence and protection and seeks the glory of God reserved for him in this life and in the life to come.

### Questions- Day #1

1. Have you ever felt like the Psalmist?
2. Have you ever cried out to the Lord and asked Him why?
3. As you think about the hope we have in the Lord, can you look back at your life and see where God has blessed you, protected you or carried you through a rough time?

### Scriptures (NKJV) - Day #1

#### Psalms 73

- <sup>1</sup> Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart.
- <sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped.
- <sup>3</sup> For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- <sup>4</sup> For there are no pangs in their death, But their strength is firm.
- <sup>5</sup> They are not in trouble as other men, Nor are they plagued like other men.
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore pride serves as their necklace; Violence covers them like a garment.
- <sup>7</sup> Their eyes bulge with abundance; They have more than heart could wish.
- <sup>8</sup> They scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression; They speak loftily.
- <sup>9</sup> They set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> Therefore his people return here, And waters of a full cup are drained by them.
- <sup>11</sup> And they say, "How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?"
- <sup>12</sup> Behold, these are the ungodly, Who are always at ease; They increase in riches.
- <sup>13</sup> Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, And washed my hands in innocence.
- <sup>14</sup> For all day long I have been plagued, And chastened every morning.

15 If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children.

16 When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me—

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end.

18 Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction.

19 Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awakes, So, Lord, when You awake, You shall despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, And I was vexed in my mind.

22 I was so foolish and ignorant; I was like a beast before You.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand.

24 You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

26 My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

27 For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, That I may declare all Your works.



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DEVO Day #2 - How's Your  
Foundation?  
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Read Matthew 7:24-27.

In 1173 A.D., two Italian architects set out to build a church bell tower call the "Tower of Pisa." Five years and three floors (out of eight) later, the tower began to lean. The tower began to lean because the ground it was built on consisted of clay, fine sand and shells. Instead of scrapping the whole building, architects and engineers tried to solve the problem in different ways. Finally, in the mid 1300's the tower was finished. Today the building leans 16ft. off center.

In our scripture reading for today, Jesus is finishing up the Sermon on the Mount. He gathers his disciples around and begins to teach and preach to them. He teaches them how to live a life that is dedicated to and pleasing to God, free from hypocrisy, full of love and grace, full of wisdom and discernment. Jesus spoke straight forth to his disciples. His words were hard and I'm sure He lost a large number of disciples because of it. But He ends the sermon saying if you listen to his words and do them, you are like the wise man that built his house on the rock. I encourage you to go back to chapter 5 and read the Sermon on the Mount and evaluate your life and see which builder you are.

### Questions - Day #2

1. Are you the wise builder or the foolish builder?
2. How are you building your house?
3. When the storms of life start pounding against you, will your house be able to survive the storm?

### Scriptures (NKJV) - Day #2

**Matthew 7:24-29** - *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.*

*"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*



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DEVO Day #3 – A New Creation  
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Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Butterflies. You may have recognized them all over. Butterflies are one of the most beautiful insects on earth. When you see one you can't help watching them as they fly in a crazy way. The most amazing thing about them is how they change from the ugliest insect, the caterpillar, into the most beautiful insect. This process is called metamorphosis. It's a complete change from one thing to another.

We are like the butterfly. We can be the ugliest human being one minute and because of God, we can be changed into the most beautiful person. When we ask Jesus to come into our life, our name is immediately written in the Book of Life. As Paul would say it, "We are now a new creation." Our lives are changed forever. The old things, our sin nature, have passed away. The things we used to do in the flesh are no longer a part of us. A new nature has taken its place. Just like the butterfly, as we cultivate our relationship with Christ, reading His word and praying, the new nature transforms us into a new person.

### Questions - Day #3

Examine your life:

1. Can you remember when you didn't have Christ in your life?
2. Can you remember when Christ came into your life?
3. Is there anything remaining in you from the old nature?

As you pray, ask the Lord for His help in overcoming those things.

### Scripture (NKJV) - Day #3

**2 Corinthians 5:17** - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.



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DEVO Day #4 – Who Am I?  
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Read Exodus 3:11, 4:10-13.

For the approximately 1 percent of the world's population who suffer from stuttering, simple social situations can be a humiliating experience. There's a constant worry that you'll be called on in class, the terror of public speaking and, of course, the relentless bullying that comes with being a person with a speech impediment. The legendary British comic actor Rowan Atkinson has never been known for being talkative. In his most beloved role, he was the nearly silent yet bumbling Mr. Bean, but it was acting that truly helped Atkinson free himself from his stutter. Bullied as a young man, the only time he didn't stutter was on stage, where he became exceptional.

In our reading today, God called Moses to lead the nation of Israel out of Egypt. Moses didn't think much of himself and tried everything he could to get out of it. One of his excuses was he stuttered when he talked. God did not buy Moses's excuse and gave him a helper. He knew Moses could do the job. He knew Moses's heart! He knew Moses loved Him and the people of Israel. So, He called the person He knew could get the job done!

It's the same for us today. God has called each one of us to have a relationship with Him and to do His will. He didn't do this because of our appearance or our eloquent speech. As with Moses, God has a special mission for us. It may not be as big as Moses's mission, but it is just as important.

#### Questions - Day # 4

1. Like Moses, what embarrassing beliefs, attitudes, or behaviors do you have that prevent you from achieving your full potential?
2. What excuse do you use when God asks you to do something for Him?
3. Do you find yourself asking "Who Am I"?

#### Scriptures (NKJV) - Day #4

**Exodus 3:11** - But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

**Exodus 4:10** - Then Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

**Exodus 4:13** - But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send."



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DEVO Day #5 – Trust the Lord!  
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Read Psalms 23.

Each day is a new day. We don't know what difficulties we might face. It may be health issues, persecution, financial, or relational. The Psalmist, King David, knew all too well about the dangers and difficulties in life. He seemed to be running from danger on many occasions and it wasn't uncommon for him to face difficulties.

Psalm 23 verse 4 shows us the confidence and trust David had in the Lord. He knew no matter what life might bring at him, His God would help him. This verse does not say, "God will keep you from danger," but rather it describes that troubles will come to all of us, and they will make us feel like we are walking through a dark and dangerous valley; a "valley of the shadow of death."

In his psalm, he is describing how the shepherd had to guide his sheep through some mountain valleys. They were dark and dangerous. Robbers would hide in those valleys and try to rob anyone who came by. The true shepherd protects his flock, just as our Father and Jesus do for us. This is so loved because of the love God has for us. God knows what we are going through and He promises to help us and to never leave us or forsake us.

### Questions - Day # 5

1. What difficulties are you going through today?
2. Like David, can you trust the Lord to lead you through those dark valleys in life?
3. Can you remember a time when God protected you from a bad situation or carried you through it?

Take some time today to thank God for His goodness and protection.

### Scriptures (NKJV) - Day #5

#### **Psalms 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.



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DEVO Day #6 – God Looks at the Heart

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Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

We live in a world today that likes perfect appearances. The people we see in magazine ads, commercials and movies are near perfect. People giving speeches or on talk shows seem to do it so well. When we think about ourselves compared to what we see on television or in magazines, we are easily intimidated. There are some people that go to the extreme to try and look like those models or actresses we see. They will have plastic surgery because they are unhappy with who they are. We must remember that we are wonderfully made by God. God knew what He was doing when He created each one of us and He did it for a reason.

In our reading for today, we see God sending Samuel out to find a new king for Israel. He never wanted Israel to have a king in the first place, for He was their King! Saul, Israel's first king, failed God miserably. His heart wasn't after God. While looking for the new king, Samuel looked for people like Saul, good looking and high in stature. When Samuel came to the first son of Jesse, he said "this must be God's anointed!" But God softly rebuked him and said, *"Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart"* (1 Sam. 16:7). God was not looking for a handsome, good-looking guy, or one of high stature, but one that had a heart after Him? One that would do the Lord's will. The same goes for today, God doesn't choose us because of our looks or our place in society, He looks for a heart after His own.

### Questions - Day #6

1. Where is your heart today?
2. Is your heart totally sold out to God or is it after the things of the world?
3. Ask God to search your heart and help you have a heart after His desires.

### Scriptures (NKJV) - Day #6

**1 Samuel 16:1-13** - Now the Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons." And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." But the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you." So Samuel did what the Lord said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to

the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him!" But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.



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DEVO Day #7 – Prepared for Warfare

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Read Ephesians 6:10-18.

I hesitated to use this Scripture today because it seems like it is used a lot. This passage is very familiar to all of us, but I believe God wants us to read it over and make sure we understand it. Our world is in chaos! Everyone is mixed up about who they are, what rights they have, and who should be in charge. This is exactly what the devil wants. He has made us so busy in life that we don't know which way is up. Paul knew exactly what the devil was up to when he wrote the Letter to the Ephesians. He knew there would be a fight, a spiritual fight. He was telling the people of Ephesus to be ready for spiritual warfare. He uses the uniform of a soldier to tell them how they must prepare themselves for war. A soldier does not go to war unprepared or not properly dressed. As Christians, we also must be prepared for war. Paul tells us to "put on the whole armor of God" (Eph. 6:11). Not just part of the armor, all of it! If we miss one important piece of the armor, we could lose the battle.

The devil is much stronger than we think. He is out for blood, yours and mine. If we go around thinking he will not attack us, we are lying to ourselves. The devil will use anything and everything to make us fail. **We must be prepared for warfare every day!**

### Questions - Day #7

1. Are you running to God or are you avoiding and running from His presence?
2. Is there anything you need to repent of and talk to God about? When we pray and talk to Him, great things happen!
3. Are you ready and is your heart molded by God to answer if He calls you to do something you don't like? Are you ready to answer if God gives you another chance?

### Scriptures (NKJV) - Day #7

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.