

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SELFISH DESIRES OF THE HEART – PSA 73

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Lesson 7: Psalm 73 – Getting to the Heart

Text: Psalm 73

Theme: “Fleshing out” the sinful desires of our heart.

Jer 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

What Bible character was willing to sin in order to get it or willing to sin if he didn't get it?

Illustration: A child is asked to clean up the toys. The child wants to play longer. **Is that desire sinful?**

A child might disobey in order to get it

A child might throw a tantrum if they don't get it

NOW HAS THAT DESIRE BECOME SINFUL?

Illustration: A pastor may desire to have more people attend Church. ? Is that desire sinful? What could cause that desire to become sinful?

? What sin might he commit in order to get it?

? What sin of omission might he commit in order to get it?

? What sin might he commit if he doesn't get it?

? What would be a biblical way to strive to get it?

? What would be a biblical way to respond if he doesn't get it?

LOOK AT THE CHART – Asaph admits to his (past) sin (Psa 73)

? **What makes someone or something an idol?**

You are believing you have to have something in order to be fulfilled OR you are trusting in something to fulfill you.

✝ One of the keys is looking to see if your desires have become more than desires

I desire – You would like to have something that isn't sinful

I demand – You demand to have it in order to be happy/fulfilled
“I MUST have it” “I HAVE to have it”

I judge – You judge someone because they are not meeting your expectations (ex. They don't love me, they aren't spiritual)

✝ **Playing the part of God and acting like the devil all at the same time**

I punish – either deliberately or unconsciously you hurt or punish people for not giving you what you desire