



Prayer of the Broken Hearted

■ Psalm 73



Coptic copy of the Psalms

- The Mudil Psalter, or Mudil Codex, is the oldest complete Coptic book of Psalms discovered in 1984 in a graveyard in Mudil, Egypt. This 4th-century codex contains 151 psalms written in a dialect of Coptic on parchment pages and is bound in wooden covers. It is now housed at the Coptic Museum in Cairo and is significant for its age, text, and the unusual method of its burial under the head of a young girl.





Prayer of ???

- Great Levitical singer
- Prophet, composer of inspired songs, twelve, (50, 73 – 84) are attributed to him.
- He was appointed to sound the cymbals (1 Chronicles 15:16 – 19)
- Chief of those Levites serving before the ark of God (1 Chron. 16:5,7,37)

Psalm 73:1 - 17

- Biblical Understanding: Righteous are Blessed (v.1; 1 Peter 3:8 – 12)
- But, It Appears that the Wicked Prosper (vs. 2- 12)
- Therefore, It Appears That Righteousness is a Waste of Time (vs. 13 – 16)
- Asaph's Problem: Looking at Life From Man's (temporary) Standpoint, Rather Than God's (eternal) Perspective (v. 17)

Psalm 73:18 - 28

- God's View of the Wicked [Eternal Perspective] (18 – 20)
- Feelings about Self Once Doubts are Resolved (21 – 22)
- Asaph's Trust and Exaltation of God (23 – 28)

Invitation

- “It is good for me to draw near unto God; I have made the Lord God my refuge...” (28)
- We can trust God as we remember: “Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.” (1)

