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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Envy is quite often described as being green. It is a most sickly green, indeed. Being envious can even make us ill. It's one of life's heaviest burdens to carry.

The temptation to continually compare what we have with what others have can become an obsession. It can also lead us to be judgmental of others, causing us to believe that they are evil and less worthy to have the things they have than we would be to have them.

The psalmist reflects on what the wicked have and also on the burdens they seemingly do not have. His comparisons cause him to lose focus on the goodness of God which he had affirmed at the beginning of Psalm 73, "Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart."

The clouded vision which envy brings can lead to our downfall. Having a spirit of gratefulness to God gives us wonderful contentment and it spares us the miseries that being envious can bring our way.