



# Pastor's Comments

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### Rich or Poor

How many people do you know who are **rich and successful**? They **seem to have no troubles** and do as they please from day to day. We may even be tempted to be envious of them as the Psalmist suggested, *"For I was **envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked**"* (Psalm 73:3). Job spoke of them in his discourse with his "comforters" and told of **the good times** they experience (Job 21:7-12). Even their kids have the best of things! But, in verse 13 he mentions **the great equalizer** *"They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave."* **Death comes to them also. Rich or poor**, strong or weak, known or obscure, ill or well, accepted or despised, fulfilled or craving more, **death comes to all. Then they must face the God for Whom they had no desire and saw no benefits in serving** as Job stated in verses 14 and 15, *"Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?"*

God justly distributes great "sorrows" in His anger as Job said in verse 17, *"How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! **God distributeth sorrows in his anger.**"* David said it like this, *"God judgeth the righteous and is **angry with the wicked everyday**"* (Psalm 7:11). A holy and absolutely just deity, Who is wounded and angered by His creation's offenses, will deal with them all, individually and personally! There is **only one escape** from the **great "sorrows"** He distributes—**repentance and faith in the justifying sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary.**

-- Submitted by church member, Carl Edwards