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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Ps. 73:25 *Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You.* (NIV)

As Asaph was writing this song, he was certainly motivated by the future with the LORD as he mentions heaven. He was not saying that the LORD was the only one in heaven, but he was saying that in comparison to the others that would be there, his focus was strictly on the LORD Himself. This was a beautiful expression of Asaph's longing to be with the Father for eternity. Do you long to be with the LORD? Do you look forward to being in His presence in the place that He has made for you? Our limited minds cannot even begin to realize and understand what glories we will experience there and what joy we shall be full of in that place.

And then he makes a revealing statement. ***And earth has nothing I desire besides You.*** This is a picture of true abundant life. When our desires move from earthly things to eternal ones, we have begun to live in the blessings of His life rather than our own. It is in this state that we start to see things from His perspective. Things that we once thought were so important become relatively obscure when we are walking with Him and enjoying the presence of our King. Asaph goes on to actually say that this earth and this life has nothing that he desired. **Charles Wesley** once penned these words of a hymn on his deathbed:

In age and feebleness extreme, What shall a sinful worm redeem? Jesus, my only hope thou art, Strength of my failing flesh and heart; O, could I catch a smile from thee, And drop into eternity. This, my friends, is the portrait of those who understand that there is nothing this world holds that compares with the presence of the King. He is all that we need. He is our ever present help in times of trouble. This is not only our earthly desire, but our heavenly hope. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus. Let us look to Him continually. He is all that we will ever need.

Dear LORD, we need You more than anything. Help our earthly mind be conformed into Yours so that we can see what really matters today. It is not about us. It is all about You! Thank You for empowering us with Your Spirit so that we can live this day from Your perspective and not our own. In Jesus Name, Amen