

## PSALM 10

### Psalm 10:1–18 (ESV)

Why Do You Hide Yourself?

**10** Why, O Lord, do you stand far away?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

**2** In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;

let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.

**3** For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,

and the one greedy for gain curses[] and renounces the Lord.

**4** In the pride of his face[] the wicked does not seek him;[]

all his thoughts are, “There is no God.”

**5** His ways prosper at all times;

your judgments are on high, out of his sight;

as for all his foes, he puffs at them.

**6** He says in his heart, “I shall not be moved;

throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity.”

**7** His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;

under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.

**8** He sits in ambush in the villages;

in hiding places he murders the innocent.

His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;

**9** he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;

he lurks that he may seize the poor;

he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

**10** The helpless are crushed, sink down,

and fall by his might.

**11** He says in his heart, “God has forgotten,

he has hidden his face, he will never see it.”

**12** Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;

forget not the afflicted.

**13** Why does the wicked renounce God  
and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"?

**14** But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation,  
that you may take it into your hands;  
to you the helpless commits himself;  
you have been the helper of the fatherless.

**15** Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer;  
call his wickedness to account till you find none.

**16** The Lord is king forever and ever;  
the nations perish from his land.

**17** O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted;  
you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear

**18** to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,  
so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

**Footnotes**

*Or and he blesses the one greedy for gain*

*Or of his anger*

*Or the wicked says, "He will not call to account"*

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