

PSALM 10 – A Song of Confidence in God’s Triumph over Evil – The Cry of the Oppressed!

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Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord – Maranatha Music

*Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord; Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord;
And He shall Lift You Up, Higher and Higher And He shall Lift You Up (3x)
Up into Heaven And He shall Lift You Up; And He shall Lift You Up, Higher and Higher
And He shall Lift You Up, Up into Heaven And He shall Lift You Up
And He shall Lift You Up (8X)*

Psalm 10 – The oppression and persecution of the righteous by the wicked! The desire of the righteous for God to bring an end to the wickedness! The cry of the righteous for God to come and establish His kingdom on earth and bring an end to the wickedness and unrighteousness – our own way of praying Psalm 9 & 10 in the New Testament is model prayer, which we often refer to as the Lord’s prayer. **Psalms 9 & 10** go together, as they are both acrostic Psalms, with **Psalm 10** generally continuing where **Psalm 9** ends. Both are describing the condition of the righteous in a wicked world. **Psalm 9** describes the wicked as being the enemies from without – enemies of God and enemies of Israel. **Psalm 10** describes the wicked as being from within Israel. In the Septuagint, **Psalm 9 & 10** are combined. Both Psalms tell us, as those who have received the Gospel and believed – “righteous”, how to respond to the wickedness around us by praying, praising and telling the dark and dying world about the LORD

PSALM 10 - Why Do You Hide Yourself?

Psa 10:1 Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble?

- LORD, why don’t You do something? David is humbled by the patience of God, somewhat confused by the inexplicable inaction on the part of God in the face of so much wickedness that is going on in the world. If we can see it, we know that You can see it. Why don’t You do something about it?
- The crisis here is not doubting the power and ability of God, but questioning the wisdom, patience and ways of God. We can find ourselves in the same kind of place. But God is patient, not wanting any to be lost!

Psa 10:2 The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

- Formal indictment against the wicked – two distinct charges, pride and tyranny!

Psa 10:3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and renounces the LORD.

- As the Psalmist is looking at them, the wicked have become so prevalent and powerful in the land that now greediness is being rewarded instead of righteousness.

Psa 10:4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.

- The wicked just go around saying I don’t believe in God. An arrogance against God and living as if God doesn’t exist.
- The only place where God is not, is in the thoughts of the wicked!

Psa 10:5 His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them.

- The enemies of the wicked are the righteous. He makes fun of the righteous.
- A pig may sooner look through a telescope at the stars than this man to study the Word of God to understand the righteousness of the Lord!

Psa 10:6 He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity."

- Every proud thought is a twin brother to cruel thought!

Psa 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.

- He uses his mouth to curse, speak profanities and to deceive people or to beat people up with words. In *Romans 3*, he is described as having the poison of asps under his lips!

Psa 10:8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the secret places he murders the innocent; His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless.

- This is just cold-blooded murder, because they hold the positions of power.

Psa 10:9 He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den; He lies in wait to catch the poor; He catches the poor when he draws him into his net.

- Here it gets even darker, as we see the cunning of the lion and of the hunter as well as the stealthiness of the robber.

Psa 10:10 So he crouches, he lies low, That the helpless may fall by his strength.

- Those who crouch their feet are longing to make us fall. We need to be careful of flatterers for friendship and flattery are deadly enemies.

Psa 10:11 He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see."

- The above description in verses 8-10 is just the worst kind of human being that uses their power and uses their wealth to take advantage of the oppressed and the poor and the powerless.
- They do that because they have no fear of God. But one day they will have the fear of God, but at the moment they do not.

Psa 10:12 Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble.

- The Psalmist in all of the oppression cries out! LORD, would You actively involve Yourself in pushing back wickedness in the world for the sake of the humble? This is the cry of the church.

Psa 10:13 Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account."

- God rise up for the sake of Your own reputation!

Psa 10:14 But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief, To repay it by Your hand. The helpless commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless.

- Then the Psalmist knew that God was viewing it. That He is well aware of the wickedness in the world. Can you imagine what God sees on a daily basis as He looks around the world? The Psalmist says I know You are aware. You are the helper of the fatherless!

Psa 10:15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; Seek out his wickedness until You find none.

- Breaking a person's arm would make a man pretty much incapable of doing evil.
- LORD, seek out his wickedness until you find none!
- Please God, would You just eradicate wickedness from this world?

Psa 10:16 The LORD is King forever and ever; The nations have perished out of His land.

- God, You have dealt with the wicked in the past. I know You know how to do it.

Psa 10:17 LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear,

- LORD, we leave ourselves in Your hand. To You we commit the church and ourselves afresh!

Psa 10:18 To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, That the man of the earth may oppress no more.

- We deal with the news in a different way than the Old Testament saints did. We have a much fuller prophetic picture than they. We're waiting for the Lord to return and rapture of the church.
- Anyone who will read Revelation chapters 6-18 will most certainly get into an escapist mentality. That it is not just the wickedness of man, which we need to be concerned about, but the judgment of God, which we are not appointed to!
- As we see the wickedness growing more and more, we look at it and process it by saying, the Lord's return is drawing near! It's getting closer! This is a sign that the Lord's return is nearing. This is the comfort that we receive from that.
- We realize that God would not have us pray a prayer in vain, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" unless He is going to fulfill that prayer. He's going to do that during the 1,000 year reign of Christ on this earth. There will be no expression of wickedness during that Millennial Reign, when the Messiah comes and establishes His Kingdom.

SUMMARY:

Psalm 10 describes the wicked, their mind, works, words, feelings and their fate with so much clarity! Those who not only are wicked and vile, but who see themselves as above all others, even better than Peter himself, but are detestable in the eyes of God. Augustine saw the Psalm that way, even giving it the name of Psalm of Antichrist. As with ***Psalm 9*** we, as New Testament, born again, saints, having been given much more than those at the time of David, are to respond to the wickedness around us by praying, praising our Lord and telling the dark and dying world about Him. Watching, working and waiting for our Lord's return!

The Lord's Prayer – Jim Nabors

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