

Psalms Chapter 10 Commentary

Ps 10:1 "Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble? 2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined. 3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth. 4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. 5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them. 6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity. 7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity. 8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor. 9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net. 10 He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones. 11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it. 12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble. 13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it. 14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless. 15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none. 16 The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land. 17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: 18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress."

King David is looking at the world of evil. He sees the oppression of the poor. He sees prideful mankind boasting and glorying in his own eyes. He sees wicked people who have forgotten, or who choose to ignore, the fact that there is a God in heaven. He sees the devices that the wicked use to entrap others. As he sees the terribly depravity of mankind displayed, and he ask of God: Where are you? Have you forgotten these poor who are being oppressed? "**Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?**"

As we look at our worlds today, and we see our governments, and those in seats of power, doing these same things: what is our reaction? Are our hearts moved, as King David's, to pray to God for the deliverance of God's people? Do we ask God to judge the oppressors? Do we use the opportunities given to us to help others, and bring glory to the name of the LORD? Or do we go around saying; look at poor pitiful me?

We know; King David had many occasions in his lifetime, in which he experienced these same kinds of tribulations, wherefore, he could easily recognize the works of wickedness. We believe all of God's people experience these kinds of things in their own lives, which should help us to recognize, the wickedness with which we are surrounded, and the great abundance of God's mercies.

Why does God allow this wickedness to go on? We could come up with many reasons, but believe, we should not question God: but rather, we should remember the need to exercise our faith in Jesus Christ. When our enemies assail us: When we are found in our troubles: When temptations are sore upon us: When the trials of life are upon us: When sorrow seems to overwhelm us: How do we react? Most often, I fail miserably in living up to the wonderful name of being a Child of God, with which we have been gifted with by God's grace.

"**Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?**" Remember this: if you have been born again; you have Christ in you, and he is always there in the Holy Spirit presence. When we take our eyes off our Saviour, our focus is in the wrong place. Thus, we believe, God to be afar off, and that God has forgotten us, which is not true. The Holy Spirit presence is there with us, it is our focus, and remembrance of Christ that is off.

When trials and temptations are upon us; we should remember the testimony of God to us, seen in: **Heb 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.**" When everything around us seems to be going to ruin, and our troubles and temptations abound, it is easy to forget the assurance we have in Jesus Christ, and his finished work of our eternal life.

Remember, we are told in scripture: **Joh 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."** God uses

the wickedness of the world to exercise our faith, and trust, in his faithfulness. We are supposed to grow up and not remain as babies. Proper nourishment for Christians is regular diet of fellowship, and the preaching of the gospel. Daily remembrance of our God and our Saviour. Much prayer. Being true Christians and walking in faithfulness to God. Looking for the soon return of our Saviour and King, and remembering the words of our Saviour: ***Joh 6:20 "But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid."***

In conclusion, let us remember the words of Paul the apostle in: ***2Co 1:3-5; 3 "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ."*** Remember also; in our greatest sufferings and trials, we have not even come close to the suffering of our Saviour in this world. Since Christ overcame, so shall we overcome in Christ. Hallelujah! Amen!