

# Psalm 10

There is an intimate connection between Psalm 9 and Psalm 10, both centre on the judgement of God. Psalm 9 meditates on the judgement yet in the future, Psalm 10 meditates on this present time when injustice is rampant.

**Psalms 10:1** [NIV] *“Why, O LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?”*

The Psalmist had honest doubts as to whether God would at this time intervene to bring about justice. But even with these doubts the writer, could be King David, did **not** stop praying to God or conclude that God didn't care, he was simply asking God to hurry to his aid.

**We in this present generation can see the continual increase in violence and evil, and as yet no visible sign of God's direct intervention on behalf of His people in their distress.**

**Too often we stand afar off from God by our unbelief and unconfessed sins then complain that God seems to be far off from us.**

**Psalms 10:2-6** [NIV] *“In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises. He boasts of the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD. In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God. His ways are always prosperous; he is haughty and your laws are far from him; he sneers at all his enemies. He says to himself, ‘Nothing will shake me; I’ll always be happy and never have trouble.’”*

The sinner proudly glories in their power and success.

Wicked people will **not** seek after their Creator God, that is, will **not** call upon Him, they live without prayer and study of His Word, the Christian Bible.

Wicked people have many thoughts, many objects and devices, but do **not** think of God in any of them, they have no submission to God's will, nor aim to bring Him glory.

**The cause of all this is pride.**

**Psalms 10:7-11** [NIV] *“His mouth is full of curses and lies and threats; trouble and evil are under his tongue. He lies in wait near the villages; from ambush he murders the innocent, watching in secret for his victims. He lies in wait like a lion in cover; he lies in wait to catch the helpless; he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net. His victims are crushed, they collapse; they fall under his strength. He says to himself, ‘God has forgotten; he covers his face and never sees.’”*

**Wicked people consider it is below them to be religious.**

They could **not** break all the laws of justice and goodness towards other humans, if they had **not** first shaken off any sense of religion and the existence of a Creator God who will one day bring them to judgement.

To avoid getting upset when we see the wicked prosper we need to understand the right perspective on wickedness and wealth.

The wicked will surely be punished because God hates their evil deeds.

Wealth is only temporary, [**Luke 12:15-21**] and it is **not** necessary a sign of God's approval of a person's life.

**Proverbs 30:7-9** [NIV] *“Two things I ask of you, O LORD; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.*

*Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonour the name of my God."*

This is the balanced way of thinking about wealth and a prayer that God is sure to answer, [**Matthew 19:23-24**].

**Philippians 4:11-13** [NIV] *"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength."*

**Contentment is something we have to learn because it will not come naturally to any human being.**

**Psalms 10:12-13** [NIV] *"Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless. Why does the wicked man revile God? Why does he say to himself, 'He won't call me to account'?"*

These are questions that God will answer when we seek to see life from His perspective.

**2 Corinthians 4:4** [NIV] *"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."*

**God has allowed Satan to rule this world at this time, I believe God has done this so humanity can experience just what it is like to live in a world that is not ruled by Him.**

**Matthew 4:8-9** [NIV] *"Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'"*

Note Jesus Christ did **not** tell Satan that this world was **not** his to give.

**John 8:44** [NIV] *"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."*

Satan is the god of this world and he is the father of all the ungodly wicked.

**Psalms 10:14-18** [NIV] *"But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to you; you are the helper of the fatherless. Break the arm of the wicked and evil man; call him to account for his wickedness that would not be found out. The LORD is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land. You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more."*

God does see and take note of the wicked, and we can face their evil deeds because God is with us all the time.