

Psalm 10 is a continuation of themes begun in Psalm 9. While Psalm 9 focuses on public praise for God's righteous rule, Psalm 10 shifts to a deeply personal lament. It wrestles honestly with one of the most difficult questions a believer can ask: *Where is God when evil seems to prosper?*

This psalm is not a denial of God's justice but an appeal to it. It shows that even the most faithful can struggle with God's seeming silence and delay. But it also reminds us that God sees, God hears, and God will act in His perfect time.

Psalm 10:1 (NKJV)

*"Why do You stand afar off, O LORD?
Why do You hide in times of trouble?"*

David opens with a heartfelt question that many believers have echoed: "Lord, where are You?" In the face of evil, when justice is delayed, it can feel as though God is distant. But feelings are not always facts. David isn't denying God's existence—he's expressing the ache of waiting.

Personal Application:

Have you ever prayed, "God, why aren't You doing something?" It's not a lack of faith to ask honest questions—it's part of a real relationship. When God feels far away, it's not because He has abandoned us. It's often because He is working in ways we do not yet see. Keep praying—even your questions are heard.

Psalm 10:2–11 (NKJV)

*"The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor;
Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.
For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire;
He blesses the greedy and renounces the LORD.
The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God;
God is in none of his thoughts."*

David now describes the mindset and actions of the wicked. Pride, arrogance, violence, and deceit fill their hearts. They boast in their sin, praise the greedy, and reject God. Notice the progression: first, they ignore God. Then, they act as if He doesn't see. Finally, they conclude that He will never hold them accountable.

*"His ways are always prospering;
Your judgments are far above, out of his sight;
As for all his enemies, he sneers at them.
He has said in his heart, 'I shall not be moved;
I shall never be in adversity.'"*

The wicked mistake God's patience for permission. They see temporary prosperity as proof of invincibility. This is the classic error of a hardened heart.

*“His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression;
Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.
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.”*

The wicked prey on the vulnerable. They speak lies, set traps, and act as though no one is watching.

*“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.
So he crouches, he lies low,
That the helpless may fall by his strength.
He has said in his heart, ‘God has forgotten;
He hides His face; He will never see.’”*

This section ends with the core lie of the wicked heart: *“God doesn’t see.”* But it’s not that God doesn’t see—it’s that judgment hasn’t come yet. And that delay is mistaken for divine indifference.

Personal Application:

When evil seems unchecked, remember: silence is not absence. God sees. And just because He hasn’t acted yet doesn’t mean He won’t. Be careful never to confuse God’s mercy with apathy. He delays judgment so people have time to repent—but judgment will come.

Psalms 10:12–15 (NKJV)

Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble. Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account." 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. Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; Seek out his wickedness until You find none. (Psalms 10:12-15)

David appeals directly to God. Though the wicked mock and boast, David reminds himself (and us) that God *has* seen. He *does* know. He will repay. The Lord is not blind to injustice—He is patient in His mercy, but decisive in His justice.

*“Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man;
Seek out his wickedness until You find none.”*

This isn’t a prayer for personal vengeance, but a plea for divine justice. David is asking God to break the power ("arm") of the wicked and bring every evil act to light.

Personal Application:

There’s nothing wrong with longing for justice—as long as we trust God to be the one who brings it. When you see injustice, pray about it. Don’t internalize the anger—hand it over to the Righteous Judge. He sees more than we do, and His judgment is always right.

Psalm 10:16–18 (NKJV)

*“The LORD is King forever and ever;
The nations have perished out of His land.
LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble;
You will prepare their heart;
You will cause Your ear to hear,
To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,
That the man of the earth may oppress no more.”*

David concludes with renewed confidence in God's rule. The LORD reigns eternally. He listens to the cries of the humble. He prepares their hearts and assures justice for the oppressed. In the end, “the man of the earth”—the oppressor, the arrogant, the wicked—will not have the final word.

Personal Application:

God hears you. He is not only preparing deliverance—He is preparing *your heart* while you wait. Trust in His rule. The throne of heaven has never been vacant, and the King has never stopped listening. When justice seems delayed, anchor your soul in this truth: *The Lord is King forever and ever.*

Final Reflection: Waiting on the God Who Sees

Psalm 10 reminds us:

- It’s okay to ask hard questions of God.
- The wicked may seem to prosper, but their judgment is coming.
- God sees, hears, and acts—not always on our timeline, but never too late.
- He defends the helpless and humbles the arrogant.

*“But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief,
To repay it by Your hand.” (Psalm 10:14)*

Even when God seems silent, He is not absent. In times of injustice, pray like David. Wait like David. And praise like David—because the Lord *is* King, now and forever.