

“The Wicked’s Time Will Run Out”

Psalm 10

Central Idea: God will not leave us and will bring about justice.

I. “Why Does God Leave in Times of Trouble?” (1)

- These questions express the psalmist’s frustration with God
 - Even though he likely knows God has not left
- They are an expression of how he feels, but not necessarily what he believes
 - Shows the true feelings of the troubled and oppressed

II. “Why Does God Let the Wicked Go Unpunished?” (2-11, 13)

- The wicked say: “There is no God” (2-4)
 - This is the foundation for all the wicked say and do
- Characteristic of the Wicked #1: Arrogance
 - Believing this lie allows them to do whatever they wish
 - They are now their own god
 - They live to please only themselves
- The wicked say: “I will not be moved” (5-6)
 - Based on their arrogance and experiences to this point
- Characteristic of the Wicked #2: Prosperity
 - Whatever they do seems to prosper them on earth
 - They don’t know of God’s judgement
- Characteristic of the Wicked #3: Security
 - This results from their prosperity
 - Plan to continue in their wicked ways and prosper more
 - Their enemies can’t do anything to harm them
 - They believe they will never have any trouble

- The wicked say: “God doesn’t see me” (7-11)
 - They think God has forgotten, so their actions don’t matter
- Characteristic of the Wicked #4: Vile Speech
 - Their words are destructive and deceitful
 - This shows the character of their heart
- Characteristic of the Wicked #5: Violence
 - Described as predators, lurking to catch their prey
 - They do this certain they’ll get away with it
- The wicked say: “God will not judge me” (13)
 - They don’t believe God will hold them accountable
 - They live like there is no God, but seem to know there is

III. “When Will God Intervene?” (12-18)

- Appeal to act on behalf of the afflicted (12-14)
 - Despite what the wicked think, God has seen their actions
 - Calls for God to help as He has before
- Appeal to destroy wickedness (15)
 - Call for God to bring the judgment the wicked deserve
- Expression of Confidence in the Lord (16-18)
 - The psalmist knows God has heard him and will judge
 - His questions go unanswered, yet he trusts in God
 - Jesus is the one who vindicates us

Application:

- Base your faith on who God is, not how you feel
- Pray that who are not yet saved would believe

Discussion Questions:

- Where do you see Jesus in this psalm?
- Have you ever felt like God was far off? When was that time?
- How can you remain faithful when God’s justice feels delayed?
- How does Jesus’ life prove God doesn’t forget the afflicted?