

Psalm 10:1-18 **Ways of the Wicked – Confidence in Yahweh's Judgment**

A Song of Confidence in God's Triumph over Evil

1 Why do You stand afar off, O Yahweh (Lord)? Why do You hide in times of trouble?

Ways of the wicked described

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

3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and renounces Yahweh (the Lord).

4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; Elohiym (God) is in none of his thoughts.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

11 He has said in his heart, "El (God) has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see."

12 Arise, O Yahweh (Lord)! O El (God), lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble.

13 Why do the wicked renounce Elohiym (God)? He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account."

Confidence in Yahweh's coming Judgment against the wicked

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.

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

16 Yahweh (The Lord) is King forever and ever; The nations have perished out of His land.

17 Yahweh (Lord), You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear,

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

✧ Why do You stand afar off, O Yahweh (Lord)? Why do You hide in times of trouble? [[Psalm 10:1](#)]

✧ It is so easy when troubles come to feel that our loving Yahweh stands far off and fails to punish the wicked speedily.

✧ This concept is repeated many times in the Psalms.

- ✧ The answer is found in both the Old testament and the New. [[2 Peter 3:9](#), [Ezekiel chapters 18 & 33:1-20](#), [Psalm 73:1-17](#)]

The ways of the wicked described [[Psalm 10:2-13](#)]

- ✧ The wicked pridefully persecutes the poor,
- ✧ Boasts of his heart desire,
- ✧ Blesses the greedy,
- ✧ Renounces Yahweh,
- ✧ Elohiym is in none of his thoughts, nor does he seek Him,
- ✧ His ways always prosper, and he sneers at his enemies,
- ✧ Yahweh's judgments are far above him and out of his sight,
- ✧ He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity."
- ✧ His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, & oppression,
- ✧ Iniquity and trouble are under his tongue,
- ✧ He lurks in secret places, and murders the innocent,
- ✧ His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless,
- ✧ Like a lion, he secretly lies in wait to catch the poor and he draws them into his net that the helpless may fall by his strength,
- ✧ He has said in his heart, "El (God) has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see."
- ✧ The wicked renounce Elohiym (God)? He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account."

Plea for Yahweh to arise and take action

- ✧ Arise, O Yahweh (Lord)! O El (God), lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble.

Confidence in Yahweh's coming Judgment against the wicked [[Psalm 10:14-18](#)]

- ✧ Yahweh has seen and observed trouble and grief and will recompense evil on the wicked.
- ✧ The helpless commits himself to You; for You are the helper of the fatherless.
- ✧ (Prayer that Yahweh will) break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; Seek out his wickedness until You find none.
- ✧ Yahweh (The Lord) is King forever and ever; The nations have perished out of His land. Yahweh (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. [[Psalm 10:16-18](#)]