

Lament Delay

Writer not named · Book I · Alphabet Psalms

IN ONE SENTENCE



he wicked hunt the weak and say God does not see, yet the LORD hears the afflicted and judges.

Remember it: Psalm Ten: the wicked set a trap, but God still sees and hears.

MEMORY VERSE

Why O Yahweh
do You stand far away
why do You hide in times of trouble

Psalm 10:1 · the author's translation

HEBREW WORD

לָמָּה

"why" · verse 1

In the Psalms: 66 times, in 41 psalms

לָמָּה, "why," is the first word of the psalm. It is an honest question asked to God, not about God behind his back. The same word opens the cry of Psalm 22:1. Psalms 9 and 10 together form one alphabetic poem, and the Greek Bible counts them as one psalm.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- I** The psalmist asks why the LORD stands far off.
- 2–11** The proud wicked hunt the helpless and say God won't see.
- 12–15** He calls God to rise, because God does see.
- 16–18** The LORD is King forever and hears the humble.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

v. 7 → Romans 3:14 Their mouth is full of cursing; all have sinned.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 10 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/10.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Crying Out in Distress

Justice on the Wicked

FILL IN THE BLANKS

The wicked _____ the weak and say God does not see, yet the LORD
 _____ the _____ and judges.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What does the wicked man say in his heart?

Ⓐ "God is watching me"

Ⓑ "God has forgotten. He will never see it"

Ⓒ "I must repent"

Ⓓ "I need help"

2. What animal is the wicked compared to as he lies in wait?

Ⓐ A wolf

Ⓑ A serpent

Ⓒ A bear

Ⓓ A lion

3. Whom does God help, according to verse 14?

Ⓐ The victim and the fatherless

Ⓑ The proud

Ⓒ The wealthy

Ⓓ Those who boast

TALK IT OVER

1. List three things the wicked man says or thinks about God in this psalm.

2. How does verse 14 answer the question of verse 1?

3. When God seems far off, what can we still do?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 10 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 1 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: hunt · hears · afflicted · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 11) · 2. D (v. 9) · 3. A (v. 14)