

Psalm 10¹

"Distress at the Marauding Evil of the Wicked; Prayer of Faith That King Yahweh Will Protect the Persecuted and Destroy the Wicked"

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A1 7 THE PSALMIST'S DISTRESS OVER YAHWEH'S APPARENT DISTANCE IN VIEW OF THE MARAUDING EVIL OF THE WICKED 10:1-11

B1 Distress Because of Yahweh's Distance 10:1

- C1 Yahweh's Distance: {1} Why do You stand afar off, O LORD?
- C2 Yahweh's Hiddenness: Why do You hide *Yourself* in times of trouble?

B2 A Summary Prayer Concerning the Wicked 10:2

- C1 They pursue the afflicted: {2} In pride the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted;
- C2 Let them be trapped in their own traps! Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

B3 A Description of the Wicked 10:3-11

- C1 Boastful: {3} For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire, 10:3
- C2 Greedy: And the greedy man
- C3 Profane: curses *and*
- C4 Anti-God 10:3b-4
 - D1 spurns the LORD. 10:3b
 - D2 Haughty: {4} The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, 10:4
 - D3 Avoids God: does not seek *Him*.
 - D4 Atheistic: All his thoughts are, "There is no God."
- C5 Apparently Successful: {5} His ways prosper at all times; 10:5
- C6 Oblivious to God's Standards: Your judgments are on high, out of his sight;
- C7 Disrespectful of His Adversaries: As for all his adversaries, he snorts at

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them.

C8 Arrogantly Self-Sufficient 10:6

D1 Immovable: {6} He says to himself, "I will not be moved;

D2 Immune to hardship: Throughout all generations I will not be in adversity."

C9 Abusive and Manipulative in His Speech 10:7

D1 His tyrannical mouth: {7} His mouth is full of curses and deceit and oppression;

D2 His evil tongue: Under his tongue is mischief and wickedness. 10:7

C10 Murderously Preying upon the Innocent and Afflicted 10:8-10

D1 His plots against the innocent 10:8

E1 Ambush: {8} He sits in the lurking places of the villages;

E2 Murder of the blameless: In the hiding places he kills the innocent;

E3 Surveillance of the disadvantaged: His eyes stealthily watch for the unfortunate.

D2 His plots against the afflicted 10:9

E1 Ambush: {9} He lurks in a hiding place as a lion in his lair;

E2 Ambush of the poverty-stricken: He lurks to catch the afflicted;

E3 Entrapment of the poverty-stricken: He catches the afflicted when he draws him into his net. 10:9

D3 His plots against the unfortunate 10:10

E1 Concealment: {10} He crouches, he bows down,

E2 Demise of the disadvantaged: And the unfortunate fall by his mighty ones. 10:10

C11 Brazen toward God 10:11

D1 Forgotten: {11} He says to himself, "God has forgotten;

D2 Distracted: He has hidden His face;

D3 Unaware: He will never see it."

A2 THE PSALMIST URGES YAHWEH TO PROTECT THE AFFLICTED AND PUNISH THE WICKED 10:12-15

B1 ¶ His Plea to Remember the Afflicted 10:12

- C1 A Call to Yahweh Elohim to Be Active: {12} Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand.
- C2 A Call To Remember the Poverty-Stricken: Do not forget the afflicted.

B2 His Bafflement at the Wicked Person's Miscalculation of God 10:13

- C1 The Contempt of the Wicked: {13} Why has the wicked spurned God?
- C2 The Folly of the Wicked: He has said to himself, "You will not require *it*."

B3 ¶ His Affirmation of God's Perception 10:14

- C1 Of the Evil of the Wicked: {14} You have seen *it*, for You have beheld mischief and vexation to take it into Your hand.
- C2 Of the Dependency of the Unfortunate: The unfortunate commits *himself* to You;
- C3 Of the Plight Orphan: You have been the helper of the orphan.

B4 ¶ His Prayer for God to Oppose the Wicked 10:15

- C1 Depriving Him of Power: {15} Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer,
- C2 Eradicating His Evil: Seek out his wickedness until You find none.

A3 THE PSALMIST'S AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN KING YAHWEH 10:16-18

B1 Reigning as Supreme 10:16

- C1 The Eternality of Yahweh as King! {16} The LORD is King forever and ever;
- C2 The Evidence of Yahweh as King: Nations have perished from His land.

B2 ¶ Answering the Prayers of the Humble and Oppressed 10:17-18

- C1 Yahweh's Hearing the Humble: {17} O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; 10:17
- C2 Yahweh's Strengthening the Vulnerable: You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear {18} To vindicate the orphan and the oppressed, 10:18
- C3 Yahweh's Elimination of Terrorism: So that man who is of the earth will no longer cause terror.

Analysis of Psalm 10

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