

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

# GOD IS NOT IN ALL HIS THOUGHTS

## PSALMS 10

Text: Psalms 10:4

### ***Psalm 10:4***

<sup>4</sup> *The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: **God is not in all his thoughts.***

Introduction:

## **1. THE PERPLEXITY ABOUT GOD**

### A. The Standing of God [V.1]

#### ***Psalm 10:1***

<sup>1</sup> ***Why standest thou afar off, O LORD?*** *why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?*

At times it seems as if the Lord is standing at a distance while evil men work their wickedness.

### B. The Secrecy of God [V.1]

#### ***Psalm 10:1***

<sup>1</sup> *Why standest thou afar off, O LORD?* ***why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?***

This repeats the same feeling as the previous point but in a different way. Not only did it seem that God was distanced from the wicked work of the evil but it also appeared that God was hiding from the evil.

It seems at times today that God is hiding from the wicked, and has distanced Himself from their work, but God has not and He is still in control.

## **2. THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WICKED.**

To argue his case for God to help the righteous, the psalmist describes the conduct of the wicked.

This description shows how evil the wicked really are.

In our day many would modify this description and say that it was too harsh; for in this day most people are not interested in the truth and are not receptive to the message about the depravity of man.

Note:

- They Are Persecutors (vs. 2)

### ***Psalm 10:2***

<sup>2</sup> *The wicked in his pride doth **persecute the poor**: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.*

The poor doesn't refer to the welfare crowd but rather to the righteous who in comparison to the world are often poor.

Not only do the Persecute the Poor but also:

- They Are Proud

**Psalm 10:2-5**

<sup>2</sup> *The wicked in **his pride** doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.*

<sup>3</sup> *For the **wicked boasteth** of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.*

<sup>4</sup> *The wicked, through **the pride of his countenance**, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.*

<sup>5</sup> *His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, **he puffeth** at them.*

The wicked are proud of the way that they persecute the poor.

Not only do the Persecute the Poor and are Proud of It but also:

- They Are Partial

**Psalm 10:3**

<sup>3</sup> *For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and **blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.***

The wicked are partial to the wicked.

They honor the godless and lawbreakers but not the righteous.

Government leaders often show this evil partiality.

Society reveals it constantly.

As the saying goes “Birds of a feather flock together.”

Not only do they persecute the poor and are proud of it they are partial but also:

- They are profane

#### **Psalm 10:4**

<sup>4</sup> The wicked, through the pride of his countenance,  
**will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.**

The wicked are not interested in God.

They don't want God's presence and will initiate and propose and pass laws to forbid the honoring of God in some places.

Not only are they “persecutors, proud, partial, and profane” but also:

- Persistent

**Psalm 10:5**

<sup>5</sup> **His ways are always grievous**; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

This is really the summation of the conduct of the wicked.

They are cruel, ungodly, and proud and the list could go on and on.

The word always emphasizes their persistence.

Not only are they “Persecutors, Proud, Partial, Profane” and Persistent, but also they are:

- Pretentious

**Psalm 10:6**

<sup>6</sup> He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: **for I shall never be in adversity.**

They claim to be something they are not.

Not only are they “Persecutors, Proud, Partial, Profane” Persistent, and Pretentious but also they are:

- Perverse

### **Psalm 10:7**

<sup>7</sup> **His mouth is full of cursing** and deceit and fraud:  
**under his tongue is mischief and vanity.**

The wicked have foul mouths. They are perverse in their talk.

Not only are they “Persecutors, Proud, Partial, Profane” Persistent, Pretentious, and Perverse but also they are:

- Presumptive

### **Psalm 10:11**

<sup>11</sup> *He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.*

### **Psalm 10:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> *Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.* <sup>14</sup> *Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.*

The wicked presumes that they can sin and get away with it.

### 3. THE PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED

#### A. What The Wicked Forgot! [v.12-15]

##### **Psalm 10:12-15**

<sup>12</sup> *Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.* <sup>13</sup> *Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.*

<sup>14</sup> *Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.*

<sup>15</sup> *Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none.*

1. God's Eye Is On the Wicked Man's Scornfulness [V.12-13]
2. God's Eye Is On The Wicked Man's Spitefulness [V.14]
3. God's Eye Is On The Wicked Man's Sinfulness. [V.15]

#### B. What the Wicked Face [v.16-18]

##### **Psalm 10:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> *The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.* <sup>17</sup> *LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:* <sup>18</sup> *To judge the*

*fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.*

1. The Lord Will Subdue The Heathen.  
[V.16]
2. The Lord Will Support The Helpless.  
[V.17-18]

Close:

We should pray for the wicked, and when we are tempted to think that God doesn't see that He is still in control.