

Psalm 10 – PUNISH THE OPPRESSORS, O LORD! (Part 2)

- II. **WITH POWER, THEY MURDER – 10:7-11** – David continues to highlight the sin of the wicked. To persecute is bad enough, but to murder with impunity, especially the poor and defenceless, is go one-step further into the abyss of no return. The slippery slope of destruction can only gain momentum until these wicked men hit bottom i.e. when they die and face the Judge of all judges.

The mouths of these wicked men are full of cursing i.e. blasphemy and filth pours out of their mouths like a broken tap gushing out of control. They cursed men and God without shame. It has become second nature to their way of speech. From cursing they graduated to deceit. Cursing is meant to hurt and humiliate. However, deception is to cheat. The modus operandi is to make other think that they believe in the truth when in fact they believe in a lie. For example, they pretend to be humble and holy when in fact they are like ravenous wolves waiting to devour! They lead their victims into their carefully crafted snare to capture their souls and heart. Leading them into the next level of sin, this is one of fraud. This word literally means to sever. They will sever their victims of their possessions including their lives. These wicked men care only for themselves and if they gain by deception and fraud, they would do it without blinking an eye! Under their tongue is mischief i.e. to toil tirelessly to deceive and all that they say are summed up in one word . . . vanity! They will flatter to get what they want for words are very cheap to these wicked men.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity. **8** He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor. **9** He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net. **10** He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones. **11** He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

- III. **IN THE LORD, THE HUMBLE TRUST! – 10:12-18 --**

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble. **13** Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*. **14** 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. **15** Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none. **16** The LORD *is* King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

CONCLUSION – At the close of this psalm, David realized and acknowledged that his fear and assumption at the beginning of this psalm was unfounded. The LORD was standing in the distance at all. He never did, not even for a moment. He had always been near David and all His children. The LORD did not hide Himself from His children, in times of their trouble. He was no coward. He had always cared for His own.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: **18** To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.