

Psalm 10 Devotions

☐ Monday - When God Seems Far Away.

Psalm 10:1

Here in Psalm 10, David begins, “Why do You stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?” (Psalm 10:1). This statement stands in contrast to a later psalm which declares that God is “a very present help in times of trouble” (Psalms 46:1). The fact is that, in the Christian life, there will be times when God seems near and times when He seems far away. Yet God never moves; He is always near to His people (Psalm 34:18, 73:28, 145:18). “I will never leave you nor forsake you” is His promise to You, Christian (Heb. 13:5). Unfortunately, it is our closeness to Him that ebbs and flows like the tide, and hence God feels distant at times. Christian, does God seem far away today? “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (James 4:8).

Read Jeremiah 29:13

☐ Tuesday - No Nut Too Hard To Crack.

Psalm 10:3-4

“For the wicked ... curses and spurns the Lord” (Psalm 10:3), “all his thoughts are, ‘There is no God’” (Psalm 10:4). Notice the crack in the atheist’s thinking: He curses the God that he says he does not believe in. In their heart of hearts, atheists know that God exists, “Because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse” (Rom. 1:19-20). Christian, do you know someone who does not acknowledge God? Pray consistently for them! There is no nut too hard for God to crack. He is in the business of turning hearts of stone into hearts of flesh (Ezek. 36:26).

Read Jeremiah 32:17, 27

☐ Wednesday - Do Not Envy The Wicked.

Psalm 10:5

Concerning the wicked, David laments, “His ways prosper at all times” (Psalms 10:5). It is true; in this fallen world, the wicked often prosper and the weak are frequently exploited. But God is long-suffering (Rom. 9:22), giving sinners time to repent (Rev. 2:21), but by their impenitence they are storing up wrath for the day of judgment (Rom. 2:5). Therefore, Christian, “Do not let your heart envy sinners, but live in the fear of the Lord always” (Prov. 23:17).

Read Psalm 37:1-4;

Proverbs 24:1

☐ Thursday - Coram Deo, Before the Face Of God.

Psalm 10:11

Concerning his past sins, the wicked man tries to comfort himself with the idea that “God has forgotten ... He will never see it” (Psalm 10:11). But even sins committed long ago, long forgotten by men, are recorded in Heaven, for God is a perfect Accountant (Rev. 20:11-15). Therefore, since God knows every one of our words (Mt. 12:36), deeds (2 Cor. 5:10), thoughts (Psalm 139:1-2), attitudes (Jer. 12:3) and motives (1 Cor. 4:5), let us live each day with a consciousness that we are *coram deo*, before the face of God. Read Psalm 69:5, 90:8; Isaiah 29:15; Jeremiah 23:24

☐ Friday - Grace to the Humble.

Psalm 10:17

David declares, “O Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear” (Psalms 10:17). “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6). “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time” (1 Peter 5:6).

Read 2 Chronicles 7:17