

10 Why, O LORD, do you stand far away?
Why do you hide yourself in times of
trouble?

2 In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the
poor; let them be caught in the schemes
that they have devised. **3** For the
wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and
the one greedy for gain curses and
renounces the LORD. **4** In the pride of his
face the wicked does not seek him; all his
thoughts are, "There is no God." **5** His ways
prosper at all times; your judgments are on
high, out of his sight; as for all his foes,
he puffs at them. **6** He says in his heart, "I
shall not be moved; throughout all
generations I shall not meet adversity."

7 His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit
and oppression; under his tongue
are mischief and iniquity. **8** He sits in
ambush in the villages; in hiding places he
murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily
watch for the helpless; **9** he lurks in ambush
like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he
may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when
he draws him into his net. **10** The helpless
are crushed, sink down, and fall by his
might. **11** He says in his heart, "God has
forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will
never see it."

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your
hand; forget not the afflicted. **13** Why does
the wicked renounce God and say in his
heart, "You will not call to account"? **14** But
you do see, for you note mischief and
vexation, that you may take it into your
hands; to you the helpless commits himself;
you have been the helper of the fatherless.
15 Break the arm of the wicked and
evildoer; call his wickedness to account till
you find none. **16** The LORD is king forever
and ever; the nations perish from his land.
17 O LORD, you hear the desire of the
afflicted; you will strengthen their heart;
you will incline your ear **18** to do justice to
the fatherless and the oppressed, so
that man who is of the earth may strike
terror no more.

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PSALM 10

How to live in an unjust world

- why, O LORD?

God seems to be hiding (v1)

- the hiding God
- the praying believer

The wicked are prospering (v2-11)

- they reject God
- they oppress the poor
- they have a good life
- they boast with arrogance

The believer keeps trusting (v12-18)

- the LORD sees and hears
- the LORD will arise
- the LORD strengthens his people



Discussion questions

*Have you ever asked 'Why, O LORD'? What was the
situation? How does the perspective of the psalm
help?*