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God, through His Son Jesus, provides eternal grace for our failures and human limitations.

Psalm 10.

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Topics.

- The wicked are filled with cursing, deceit, oppression and iniquity.
- Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount.
- The helpless are crushed and say, "God has hidden his face."
- God's judgment is not random nor does He forget the cry of the afflicted.
- The LORD is King forever and ever; the nations perish from his land.
- A faint echo of Christ's return.

INTRODUCTION: Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they consist of five books covering the range of human emotion, expressing praise, faith, victory, sorrow, despair, depression, frustration and the troubled heart of a mourner. They contrast the righteous with the wicked, and include the wisdom and the treasure of God's word. Psalms were written at the beginning of the 15th century BC and probably collected in their final form in the 3rd century.

FOR INFORMATION: concerning people, places and the meaning of words see the title: "Map Locations and People of the Bible," and the title: "Bible Dictionary" on Website Menu.

Book One (Psalm 1-41)

A Prayer of David.

Psalm 10:1-5 ----- ¹Why, O LORD, do you stand afar off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? ²In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised. ³For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD. ⁴In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God." ⁵His ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them.

David looks around him and observes that those who deny God and have power and strength are oppressing the poor and the weak for their own gain. Since they are greedy for gain they are most likely perverting justice so they can cheat them out of their homes and property, charging them high taxes, invading their cities raping woman and taking the helpless prisoner and using them as cheap labour. These selfish and godless people are prospering, but their wealth and riches come from oppressing and cheating others.

David sees all this injustice and feels God should bring judgment upon these greedy, powerful, selfish ungodly people, but judgment has its own appointed time. At the moment it could be said that we are living in the long day of death and the long day of God's grace and judgment upon the wicked and the corrupt is delayed until the right time.

No one should think that just because God's judgment cannot be seen in the world at this present moment in that that many of the ungodly and wicked prosper while many of the innocent and righteous suffer that they can do as they please and act corruptly and wickedly and escape God's judgment.

The wicked are Filled with Cursing, Deceit, Oppression and Iniquity.

Psalm 10:6-9 ----- ⁶He (the wicked) says in his heart, "I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity." ⁷His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under his

tongue are mischief and iniquity. ⁸He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless; ⁹he 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.

It is very clear to those who have read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation that a wicked person is one who denies God and is aggressively against those who belong to His Kingdom and the global family of the Lord Jesus Christ and who do harm and hurt to others of any sort. This is why Jesus commanded all his followers to, "Love their neighbours as themselves" (Mark 12:31). After loving God with all our heart, mind and strength there is no other commandment in the entire Bible or under sun, the moon, the stars and all the heavenly hosts, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ that is more important than this commandment.

The thing that delights God the most is when those who belong to Christ are obeying his command, "Love your neighbour as yourself," (Matt. 22:39). To, "Love your neighbour as yourself," means do not deliberately do harm to other humans. No sane person deliberately does things to inflict pain on themselves, loving others as you love yourself is not about feeling some warm and fuzzy emotion towards others, it is about not hurting others as you would not hurt yourself.

James the brother of Jesus said: -

- If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing well. (James 2:8).

James calls Jesus command, "Love your neighbour as yourself," the royal law and says if we are keeping this one law we are doing well. The thing God hates the most is when we deliberately do harm to another person, physically, verbally, financially sexually, emotionally or spiritually and the thing God loves the most is when we do-good to others. It is interesting to notice that the major crime that God points out in Noah's time and one of the main reasons for the flood was because of all the violence in the land.

- Micah wrote: "What the LORD requires of mankind is to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:5-10).
- Isaiah says: "The LORD loves justice, hates robbery and wrong doing" (Isaiah 61:8).
- Jeremiah said: "Those who know God practise steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, because it is in these things that God delights" (Jer. 9:24).

The great prophets Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah clearly show the law is about doing-good to others and protecting them from harm and hurt. The spirit underpinning the Ten Commandments, is love because each law protects another human from harm.

Paul in his letter to the Romans wrote: -

- Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:10).

Paul shines a brilliant spotlight on the truth that the spirit underpinning the law is love, because the spirit of the law is to protect the innocent from all types of harm and hurt, whoever keeps the law will do no wrong to a neighbour (neighbour embraces all mankind not just those in God's Kingdom). Those who belong to Christ aim to keep the law not to get saved, but because it honours God and brings a good testimony to the name of Jesus and the Christian faith and because it is the right and loving thing to do.

The faithful in Christ's global Kingdom not only understand that righteousness that leads to eternal life is a free gift of God that comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and cannot be earned by self-effort, but also know that from the love of God dwelling within their heart and displayed on the bloodstained cross of Calvary they are called to live a lifestyle that honours the King and Saviour they worship and follow and called to treat others with decency, respect and honest justice.

Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount: the constant theme throughout Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount is doing what is right before God by seeking the way of peace in all situations. Jesus calls Christians to treat people fairly and with respect, dignity, decency grace compassion, kindness, mercy and to be quick to forgive. This means living a life that honours God and the Lord Jesus Christ is about doing right to those in the church and those outside of it. This is the reason the message Jesus spoke on the mountain is referred to as, "The Famous Sermon" because the principals if followed not only by Christians, but all humanity are the only way to peace (Matt 5). Based on the commandment, love your neighbour as yourself and the law it could be said that a wicked and evil person is one who deliberately and consciously denies the existence of God and deliberately does harm to other humans. For further information on Jesus Famous Sermon see: "Matthew 5" in, Commentary NT (ON WEBSITE MENU).

David not only understood God's abundant and steadfast love and experienced it he also understood that to be counted a righteous person before God a man or woman had to live from the love of God in their heart, by showing kindness, grace, mercy, compassion and forgiveness toward others. Added to this he had a very clear understanding that a wicked and evil person is one who oppresses the poor and helpless for their own gain and deliberately inflict hurt and harm on others.

The words the wicked says in his heart, "I shall not be moved; throughout all generations" (v6) is the same attitude the prideful and arrogant who have high positions of power and authority and who deny God have today; they believe they will solve all the problems of the world and bring peace to it without the King of Peace and without God.

The Helpless are Crushed and Say, "God has Hidden His Face."

Psalm 10:10-14 ----- ¹⁰The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might. ¹¹He says in his heart, "God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it." ¹²Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. ¹³Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"? ¹⁴But 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.

The poor, the innocent, the helpless, the fatherless, the afflicted and the oppressed feel that God has forgotten them and hidden His face from their sufferings, because they see no deliverance from their troubles nor do they see those who are causing their hardships being judged, in fact instead of being judged they are prospering, this is why they feel God has forgotten them, but just because judgment is delayed does not mean God has forgotten nor does it mean the wicked will escape judgment.

God's judgment is not random: it has its own appointed time. At the moment we are living in the long day of death and the long day of God's grace, judgment is delayed until the right time. No one should think that just because God's judgment cannot be seen in the world at this present moment in that that many of the ungodly and wicked prosper while many of the innocent and righteous suffer that they can do as they please and act corruptly and wickedly and escape God's judgment.

God does not forget the cry of the afflicted: some people find it difficult to comprehend God remembers the cries of the poor, the oppressed, the helpless and the afflicted, but think of it this way: we have super computers today that have in their memories literally trillions of bits of information and at the touch of a key any one of those bits is resurrected to us on a brightly coloured screen (soon it is most likely they will simply appear in the air), then with another touch of the key it all vanishes into the super memory and is gone, until we resurrect it again.

Knowing that God has given his creation a mortal mind and finite memory to be able to build such amazing computers should make it very easy to understand how God keeps the cries of the afflicted in His immortal mind and eternal memory waiting for the right time to touch the supernatural keyboard of heaven and avenge the cries of the poor, the oppressed, the helpless and the afflicted, on the day of judgment.

The LORD is King Forever and Ever; the Nations Perish from his Land.

Psalm 10:15-18 ----- ¹⁵Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none. ¹⁶The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land. ¹⁷O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear ¹⁸to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

David asks the LORD why does He not judge the wicked and call them to account they oppress the poor and are greedy for gain. They curse and deny the LORD constantly think in their thoughts there is no God and are full of pride. They are full of deceit, oppression, mischief and iniquity. David sees all this and is deeply grieved and from this grief asks the LORD, "Why do you prosper their ways at all times?"

David then answers his own question by saying, "The LORD does see what the wicked do and He notes their mischief and vexation, and will call to account, all individuals and nations that oppress the poor, the helpless and afflict the innocent. They will perish from His sight forever, but the LORD will be King forever, He will do justice to the poor and oppressed and no one will strike terror in the earth again.

Echo of Christ's return: the following verse shows that contained in this Psalm is a faint echo of the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ,

- Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none. (Psalm 10:16)
- The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land. (Psalm 10:16)
- LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear ¹⁸to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more. (Psalm 10:17-18).

These verses will be perfectly fulfilled when the Lord returns in glory as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign.

The dead in Christ (Old and New Testament) and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6) to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth.

Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish.

The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God.

The book of Revelation states: -

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

And in Revelation chapter five we are told that: -

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory.

For further information see titles: -

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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