

PSALM 10; June 14; God Will Avenge His People

ANALYSIS:

1. When God does not punish wrong doing immediately, what questions do those who are suffering sometimes ask? _____
2. What characteristic(s) marks the wicked person who does not seek God? _____
3. What do wicked men say in their heart, including words against and about God? _____
4. God _____ the mischief and spite of evil men, and He is the _____ of the fatherless.
5. What glorious statement is made about the LORD before this Psalm ends? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

In verses 1-11 the Psalmist asks why the LORD permits evil men to harm and trouble the humble trusting soul. This silence of the LORD toward evil doers permits them freedom to continue sinning. They thereby prove their evil hearts, fill up their sins and justify the eternal hell which awaits them. In verses 12-18 the Psalmist appeals to the LORD to arise and give His help. He ends on a very positive note, stating that the LORD, who is King for ever and ever, "hath heard the desire of the humble" (v 17-18).

We often express our hope and confidence in our Lord Jesus in song. "Tempted and tried we're oft made to wonder, Why it should be thus all the day long, While there are others living about us, Never molested tho in the wrong. Farther along we'll know all about it, Farther along we'll understand why; Cheer up, my brother, live in the sunshine, We'll understand it all by and by." "Are you weary, are you heavy-hearted? Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus; Are you grieving over joys departed? Tell it to Jesus alone. Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus, He is a friend that's well known; You've no other such a friend or brother, Tell it to Jesus alone." Remember that the LORD "hath seen and beholdest mischief and spite" (v 14) you may be experiencing. He is our "helper" (v 14). Trust Him continually. Remember to occasionally read all of Eccl 5:8 "... He that is higher than the highest regardeth .."

HELP:

1. "Why standeth thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble" (v 1).
2. He boasteth of his heart's desire, he blesseth the covetous, the pride of his countenance is seen, God is not in all his thoughts (vs 3-4).
3. "I shall not be moved, I shall never be in adversity, God hath forgotten, He hideth his face, He will never see it, Thou wilt not require it" (vs 6, 11, 13).
4. Hast seen and beholdest, helper (v 14).
5. The LORD is King for ever and ever (v 16).