

Studies in the Psalms

Psalm 10 – ‘Where Are You Lord?’

INTRO: ‘WHY does God allow so much evil in the world?’

OUTLINE:

Verse 1 ... The Problem

Verse 2-11 ... The Wicked

Verse 12-15 ... The Prayer

Verse 16-18 ... The Lord

Verse 1 ... **The Problem** – WHY God doesn’t do something about all the sin and suffering in the world? - ‘Lord, don’t You care about what’s going on? - - Where are You Lord? - - Why don’t You do something? - - WHY do You seem to be hiding Yourself?’ - Isaiah 55:8-9

Verses 2-11 ... **The Wicked** – are characterized by:

The Wicked are Arrogant (v.2-3) – a high view of themselves

The Wicked are Atheistical (v.4-6, 11) – all their thoughts, desires, and actions are based on the belief that ‘there is no God.’

The Wicked are very Aggressive (v.7-10)

- **Verbally Aggressive** (v.7) – Matthew 12:34-35... Proverbs 10:6, 11, 32
- **Physically Aggressive** (v.8-10) – Romans 3:15-18

Verses 12-15 ... **The Prayer** – is a prayer for God’s justice... This is such a common prayer for the Psalmist – 7:6-7, 9... 9:19-20...

Verses 16-18 ... **The Sovereignty of God**

‘Divine sovereignty creates confidence, which calls for our effort even to the point of reckless abandon. God’s sovereignty is not a doctrine that shackles us but a reality that liberates us, not a cloud that stifles but an elixir that invigorates.’ – Dale Ralph Davis, Joshua (p.91)

‘Personally, I’m less afraid now than I was before Sept. 11, because I have a greater sense of GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY. He’s in control, and he has a plan for the world. Not only that, he has plans for me individually. And he loves me more than any human being ever could love me. So what’s really to fear?’ - 9/11 widow Lisa Beamer, in Sept./Oct. 2002 Christianity Today