

## PSALM 10

Intro: Ancient versions of the Bible such as the Septuagint (Koine Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament) see Psalms 9 and 10 as one. However, it has been noted that each Psalm contributes to what both are saying. Cf. 10:12-14 with 9:18-19.

It should be noted that this does not lessen the contribution of each Psalm, nor does it alter the fact that, whether they are viewed as one or separate Psalms, they are the Word of God.

9 & 10 form an alphabetic acrostic recognizable only in the Hebrew. "Ps. 9 arranges the first half of the Hebrew alphabet to form the acrostic, while Ps. 10 continues with the remainder." (Walter R. Roehrs).

Verse 1 Does it seem that way at times? How about now? Well, let's remember 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 2 Thess. 2:11,12; Jer. 23:23-29.

Verses 2-11 These verses describe the vile activities of the wicked. It has been properly noted that in its composition Psalm 10 stands next to 13, 37, and 73.

- A. Verse 2 - recall Ps. 1:1 - the wicked counsel and mislead others. As sinners they openly rebel against God and justify it. As scoffers they mock and laugh at God's Word.
- B. Verse 3 - while the wicked might hypocritically pay lip service to God, in reality he "curses and renounces the Lord." The child of God must be discerning!
- C. Verse 4 - sees God as removed from human affairs. See v. 13; Ps. 73:11; Jer. 5:12.
- D. Verse 5 - "as for all his foes, he puffs at them" - sees God's judgements as far removed from reality and "puffs" (sneers with contempt at those who oppose him).
- E. Verses 6-10 - 6 & 7 are obvious. Verses 8-10 remind us that the wicked will always take advantage of the poor and unsuspecting; will exploit and destroy them for personal gain.
- F. Verse 11 - the incredible delusion of unbelief. The wicked are truly children of Satan; the father of lies and murder. The wicked become the eternal victims of lies and murder!

Verses 12-15 See Prov. 15:3.

Verses 16-18 Always keep in the forefront Matt. 24:30; specifically, "all the tribes of the earth will mourn".