

PSALM 10

¹ Why do You stand afar off, O Lord? *Why* do You overlook *us* in times of need, in affliction?

² While the ungodly one acts proudly, the poor is hotly pursued; *the wicked* are taken in the crafty counsels which they imagine.

³ Because the sinner praises himself for the desires of his heart; and the unjust one blesses himself.

⁴ The sinner has provoked the Lord: according to the abundance of his pride he will not seek after *Him*; God is not before him.

⁵ His ways are profane at all times; Your judgments are removed from before him: he will gain the mastery over all his enemies.

⁶ For he has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved," *continuing* without adversity from generation to generation.

⁷ Whose mouth is full of cursing, and bitterness, and fraud: under his tongue are trouble and pain.

⁸ He lies in wait with rich *men* in secret places, in order to slay the innocent: his eyes are set against the poor.

⁹ He lies in wait in secret as a lion in his den: he lies in wait to ravish the poor, to ravish the poor when he draws him *after him*: he will bring him down in his snare.

¹⁰ He will bow down and fall when he has mastered the poor.

¹¹ For he has said in his heart, God has forgotten; He has turned away His face so as never to look.

¹² Arise, O Lord God; let Your hand be lifted up: do not forget the poor.

¹³ Why has the wicked provoked God? For he has said in his heart, "He will not require *it*."

¹⁴ You see *it*; for You observe trouble and wrath, to deliver them into Your hands; the poor has been left to You; You are a helper to the orphan.

¹⁵ Break the arm of the sinner and wicked man: his sin shall be sought for, and shall not be found.

¹⁶ The Lord shall reign forever, even forever and ever: you Gentiles shall perish out His land.

¹⁷ The Lord has heard the desire of the poor: Your ear has inclined to the preparation of their heart;

¹⁸ to plead for the orphan and afflicted, that man may no more boast upon the earth.

¹ In the Septuagint, Psalms 9 and 10 are combined, and the Psalm numbers differ from this point on. The Apostles' Bible follows the traditional Psalm divisions, to avoid confusion.