

Psalm 10:1-18

"When God Hides His Face"

Intro: The great trial of 'desertion'

- Those trying times of 'desertion': Times in which it feels like there is no sweet communion with God.

- A key point of application: Never believe in your darkest spiritual moments what you don't believe when you are walking in the light of God's fellowship.

*We must cry out to God in prayer and preach to ourselves the truth of His word when it feels like we have been deserted and it seems like the wicked are prospering.

- The first part of Psalm 10: David's cry to God in prayer in a season of desertion (verse 1).

- Psalms 9 and 10: Combined as one Psalm in the Septuagint.

- Psalm 10: Might especially minister to those Christians who are especially introspective.

- A lesson from church history: There are many times when the church has no doubt wondered, "Where is God in all of this?"

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- The second part of Psalm 10: David's dismay at the spiritual bankruptcy but material prosperity of the wicked (verses 2-11).

- Five distinct characteristics of the wicked from verses 2-11: Pride, violence, greed, vile speech, and a false-sense of security.

- Stephen Charnock on the proud, wicked man: "He desires no communion with God; he places his happiness in anything inferior to God. He prefers everything before Him, glories everything above Him. He has no delight to know Him; he regards not those paths which lead to Him. He loves his own filth better than God's holiness. His actions are tintured and dyed with self, and they are void of that respect which is due from him to God."

- The testimony of Tertullian with regard to the violent persecution of Christians: "If the Tiber rises high as the city walls, if the Nile does not rise to the fields, if the weather will not change, if there is an earthquake, a famine, or a plague; straightway the cry is heard, 'Toss the Christians to the lions!'"

- The third part of Psalm 10: David prays to God and preaches to himself the truth of God's word (verses 12-18).

Personal Application: