

A pass through The Psalms: **Week 10: Psalm 10**

This Psalm covers 4 major concepts:

- The **prosperity** of the wicked.
- The **patience** of God.
- The **contemplation** of the wicked.
- The **consummation** of God.

The prosperity of the wicked. (v2-5)

David feels like the wicked are not only getting away with evil...but are in fact **prospering**.

David feels as though life is going better for the wicked than the righteous.

This is a common perception in the Psalms: See Psalm 94:3, 73:3-5, 12-14

The patience of God. (v1, 12)

David feels as though God is absent and has neglected those who do right. He fails to see that God's failure to act is actually his **patience** towards the lost.

This is a common perception in the Psalms: See Psalm 13:1-2

The contemplation of the wicked. (v6, 11, 13)

God's patience is **understood** by the wicked as license to do even more evil. They see God's inactivity as an indicator that God will never call them into account.

This is a common perception in the Psalms: See Psalm 73:8-9, 11-12

The consummation of God. (v14-17)

David realizes that God does see all things, and there is a day coming when God will right all wrongs; and bring all things in conformity to his will.

This is a common perception in the Psalms: See Psalm 73:16-19, 27-28

How should this affect me?

1. We must understand that there will be _____ of *prosperity* for the wicked & *disparity* for the righteous.

2. We must understand that God is patient with the wicked, not wanting anyone to _____.

1. Understanding that God allows the wicked to 'unfairly prosper' as part of his gracious plan for them to repent helps us _____ it.
2. Understanding that this momentary, light affliction is storing up for us an eternal weight of glory helps us _____ it. (2Cor 4:17)
3. When we have a friend, relative, neighbor or co-worker who is succeeding greatly while employing evil schemes or unbiblical thinking... God is being patient with them, wanting them to be repent & be saved... this is prime time for us to be reaching out to them, warning them and trying to save them!!

3. We must understand that when things are going well for the wicked we will be tempted to _____ their number.

1. When our co-workers & friends _____ ungodly tactics at work or home and _____ we will be tempted to do the same.
2. Understanding that this is a _____ frustration and _____ temptation is half the battle.

4. We must understand that when things are going bad for the righteous, we will be tempted to doubt, blame & scoff at _____.

1. When you stick to godly convictions & upright practices and they fail to produce expected results it will be very _____.
2. You will be tempted to **doubt the disciplines** and potentially **curse the creator**. Understanding this as part of God's plan, helps us accept the difficulty.

5. We must be cautious when things go well for us when we have been _____ principles from God's Word...and have been _____ practices from the world!

1. We are on a dangerous road when worldly wisdom is _____ for us a _____ better outcome than following God's word.
2. Our prayer should be that we _____ and fail _____ when we step off of the path of following God's counsel. Lest it go worse for us!

6. We must understand that it will never be worth it to _____ against God...and it will always be worth it to _____ with God.

7. We must understand that in the end God will _____ supreme and he will _____ all wrongs and _____ all suffering & obedience for his name.

1. Like an investor, we must continually look through the 'wide-lens' of history. In the **short run** it may not pay off to invest in God's plan... but in the **long run**, it always will!
2. We must **remind ourselves** weekly, daily, moment by moment that in the end it will always, **always be worth aligning with God**. Reminder yourself of **biblical & historical examples**.

Personal Notes: