### Psalms

## Chapter 10

1O Jehovah,  
  
Why have You stayed far away?  
 Why have You left us? For we need You now!  
  
2Because of their pride and their wicked ways,  
 The Godless are chasing the poor.  
 But, may those proud ones fall into a trap  
 Because of their slanderous ways.  
  
3The sinners are blessing themselves  
 With all the things that their [hearts] have desired…  
 It’s how the unrighteous are blest.  
  
4But, those who are sinning provoke God to rage;  
 For, they’ll not search for Jehovah.  
 So, with them, our God never walks,  
 5And He views their ways as disgusting.  
  
O please don’t decide on their behalf…  
 Make them rule among people who hate them.  
 6For, they’ve said in their hearts:  
  
 ‘I will never be shaken…  
 Through generations, nothing bad will happen to me.’  
  
7Bitterness and cursing is what fills their mouths…  
 Toil, misery, and treachery comes from their tongues.  
 8With the rich, they lie waiting in ambush  
 To kill the innocent and poor.  
  
9They lie and wait in concealment  
 Like lions inside of their lairs.  
 They lie in wait to capture the poor,  
 So they can snatch them away  
 And keep them under their power.  
  
10But this domination of the needy,  
 Is what will lead to their downfall.  
 11For they say in their hearts:  
  
 ‘God’s forgotten…  
 God’s turned his face and He doesn’t see.’  
  
12So arise, O Jehovah my God!  
 Raise your hand and remember the poor!  
  
13The irreverent keep making God angry,  
 Because they’ve said in their hearts:  
  
 ‘There’ll never be an accounting.’  
  
14But, since You can see the misery they bring,  
 In rage, don’t overlook them…  
 Snatch them up with Your hands!  
  
For, the poor and the orphans have nothing,  
 And their only helper is You.  
 15So, break the arms of those sinners…  
 When we search for them, may they not be found!  
  
16Jehovah is king throughout the ages,  
 And into the age of the ages.  
 May the gentiles be wiped away from His land,  
 17And may He hear the cries of the poor.  
  
O Jehovah,  
  
Your ears have heard what they’ve planned…  
 The things that they’re saying deep in their hearts.  
 18So, please bring justice to the orphans and poor,  
 And may such men not find reasons to boast!