

PSALM

# 10 O LORD, why do you stand remote?

Capo 3: E Am (E<sup>7</sup> Am) (F Dm) Am (E<sup>7</sup> Am) Em B E

1 O LORD, why do you stand re-mote and stay so far a-way?  
 2 The wick-ed in his ar-ro-gance hunts down the weak and poor,  
 3 A-bout the crav-ings of his heart he speaks with boast-ful word;

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Why do you hide your self from us when trou-ble comes our way?  
 who in the snares that he has set are caught and held se-cure.  
 he prais-es peo-ple filled with greed while he re-viles the LORD.

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| 4 The wicked does not seek the LORD<br>because he is so proud,<br>and in his inmost thoughts there is<br>no room at all for God.       | 7 The wicked's mouth is always full<br>of curses, threats and lies;<br>evil and trouble from his tongue<br>continually arise.  |
| 5 His ways are always prosperous;<br>he strikes a haughty pose.<br>He keeps his distance from your laws;<br>he sneers at all his foes. | 8 He lies in wait near villages<br>his victims' blood to spill;<br>he lurks in secret ambushes<br>the innocent to kill.        |
| 6 He reassures himself and says,<br>"No threat will topple me –<br>I will be happy evermore;<br>from trouble I'll be free."            | 9 Like lions crouching secretly<br>he waits for helpless prey.<br>He pounces on the weak and poor;<br>his net drags them away. |

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- 10 His victims by his strength are crushed;  
his prey collapse and fall.  
He thinks, "God does not notice it;  
he does not see at all."
- 11 Arise, LORD God, lift up your hand;  
do not forget the poor.  
Why does the wicked say of God,  
"My conduct he'll ignore"?
- 12 But you, O God, do see such wrong  
and you will bring redress.  
The victim puts his trust in you;  
you help the fatherless.
- 13 LORD, break the wicked person's power  
and call him to account  
for all the evil which he thought  
would never be found out.
- 14 The LORD will ever reign as King;  
his throne will always stand.  
The heathen nations of the world  
will perish from his land.
- 15 O LORD, the needy ones' desire  
you answer from on high;  
you give encouragement to them  
and listen to their cry.
- 16 For you defend the fatherless  
and those who are oppressed,  
so that from fear of mortal man  
the helpless may have rest.