

PRAYING PSALM 10

“Why do you stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide in times of trouble” (Psalm 10:1).

David wondered the same things you do. He wondered where God was when he needed Him. When he wondered, he prayed. The theme of this psalm is the silence of God. How many times have you been perplexed by God’s silence in times of trouble? This psalm offers instruction on how to pray when you can’t figure out why God is silent.

1. David began by stating his issue with God (1). God is slow to judge the wicked and David states his problem with it (2-13). The wicked persecute the poor and boast about it. They bless the greedy and renounce the Lord. The wicked don’t seek God. They don’t even think about God. Yet the wicked prosper. They have no intention of changing. They curse, deceive, and oppress. They murder innocent people. They take advantage of the helpless and the poor. They think God will never know the difference. They believe God won’t hold them accountable. 2. David moved his prayer to proclaiming God’s faithfulness (14-15). God sees. He will repay. He will help the fatherless. He will end wickedness by destroying the wicked. 3. David trusted in God’s help (16-18). He trusted God would do three things: He will prepare our hearts. He will hear us. He will vindicate us.

Here is the lesson: When you struggle with something you don’t understand, fall back on what you do understand. Feel free to talk to God about what you don’t understand, and leave the outcome to Him.