

“Trust No One; Question Everything; The LORD is KING Forever”

Text – Psalm 10

Topic – Spiritual Principles for Facing a World Gone Mad - Two portraits: The Wicked and the Righteous

1. A great weakness of 21st century believers is the failure to recognize man's _____ and understand his _____.

2. Knowing the sinful heart of man, we have cause to:

a. _____ **No One**

Jeremiah 17:9 – “The heart [*mind; thoughts; seat of emotions*] is deceitful [*full of fraud; crooked*] above all things, and desperately [*incurably; unrelenting*] wicked: who can know it?”

b. _____ **Everything**

3. We need to be _____ believers.

Acts 17:11 - These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and sought the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

I. The _____ of the Righteous – The psalmist asks God two questions:

Psalm 10:1 – “Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble [*anguish; distress; adversity*]?”

II. The _____ (delusion) of the Wicked (10:2-11) – The character of the wicked

A. The _____ of the wicked (10:2-4, 11)

1. The wicked are _____. (10:2) - They oppress the poor.

a. The **provocation** of the wicked – “The wicked in his pride”

b. The **prey** of the wicked - “*Poor*”

c. The **petition** of the righteous (10:2)

2. The wicked are _____. (10:3)

3. The wicked are spiritually obstinate _____. (10:4, 11)

B. The _____ of the Wicked: He is spiritually _____. (10:5)

1. “**Grievous**”

2. **Spiritually blind**

3. He **despises** all who oppose him. - “he puffeth at them” (10:5c)

C. The _____ of the Wicked (10:6-7)

1. The wicked are _____. (10:6a)

Luke 12:20 - But God said unto him, **Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?**

2. The wicked boast of two things: (Psalm 10:6b)
 - a. “I shall not be _____.” (10:6b)
 - b. “I shall never be in _____.” (10:6c)

D. The _____ of the wicked (10:8)

1. The wicked are **plotters**. (schemers) (10:8)
2. The wicked are **predators**. (10:9-11)

III. The _____ of the Righteous to the LORD (10:12-18)

A. The LORD is _____. (10:12a)

B. The LORD is _____. (10:12b-14)

C. The Lord is _____. (10:15)

D. The LORD is _____ (10:16)

Conclusion – Psalm 10:17-18

Psalm 10:17 - LORD, thou hast heard [*understood; listened to*] the desire [*longing*] of the humble [*meek; needy; weak; afflicted*]: thou wilt prepare [*establish; fixed*] their [*the humble*] heart [*mind, thoughts, seat of their emotions*], thou wilt cause thine ear to hear [*hearken; regard*]:

Psalm 10:18 - To judge [*lead; avenge; vindicate*] the fatherless [*orphans; i.e. lonely; bereaved; the most defenseless and dependent*] and the oppressed [*injured; afflicted*], that the man [*mortal man*] of the earth may no more [*never again*] oppress [*be afraid; dread; be terrified*].