

Psalm 10 - How Long O Lord?

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Psalm 10:1 ESV

1 Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

Psalm 13:1-2 ESV To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

1 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Psalm 88:13-14 ESV

13 But I, O LORD, cry to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

14 O LORD, why do you cast my soul away? Why do you hide your face from me?

Job 13:24 ESV

24 Why do you hide your face and count me as your enemy?

Job 13:3 ESV

3 But I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to argue my case with God.

Job 23:1-7 ESV

1 Then Job answered and said:

2 "Today also my complaint is bitter; my hand is heavy on account of my groaning.

3 Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat!

4 I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me.

6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; he would pay attention to me.

7 There an upright man could argue with him, and I would be acquitted forever by my judge.

Job 38:1-18 ESV

1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

2 Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements--surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

9 when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

10 and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,

11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

12 Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place,

13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?
14 It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.
15 From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.
16 Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?
17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Job 40:1-9 ESV

1 And the LORD said to Job:
2 Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.
3 Then Job answered the LORD and said:
4 Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth.
5 I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further."
6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:
7 Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.
8 Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?
9 Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his?

Job 42:1-6 ESV

1 Then Job answered the LORD and said:
2 I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
3 Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
4 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.'
5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;
6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Psalms 11:1-7 ESV To the choirmaster. Of David.

1 In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul, "Flee like a bird to your mountain,

NLT "I trust in the LORD for protection. So why do you say to me, "Fly like a bird to the mountains for safety!"

2 for behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;

NLT "The wicked are stringing their bows and fitting their arrows on the bowstrings. They shoot from the shadows at those whose hearts are right."

3 if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

NLT "The foundations of law and order have collapsed. What can the righteous do?"

4 The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

NLT "But the LORD is in his holy Temple; the LORD still rules from heaven. He watches everyone closely, examining every person on earth."

5 The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.

NLT "The LORD examines both the righteous and the wicked. He hates those who love violence."

6 Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

Genesis 22:1-8 ESV

1 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.

5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

- *How could Abraham travel for so long and so far, beside the son that he dearly loved, without any hesitation, knowing what he had to do?*

Romans 4:18-22 ESV

18 In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be."

19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

20 No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

22 That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness."

- *The hope that Abraham believed in was hope in God.*
- *The hope that Abraham believed against was hope in himself.*
- *Through the training and the chastening of the Lord, God brings us to a place of no hope and no trust in ourselves. He brings us to the absolute end of ourselves.*
- *Through the waiting of all those years, God had to allow any hope that Abraham had in himself to die.*

- *When Joseph, in prison, tried to send word through to Pharaoh through the butler, the butler forgot him for two years. Joseph had two more years of hope in man, hope in the flesh, that had to die, so that hope in God was all that remained. God will not share His glory.*
- *Then, when God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Issac, Abraham never hesitated because there was no doubt in his mind - Issac didn't belong to him - he was a gift from God. Issac did not come from anything he and Sara had done because they were beyond all hope.*

Psalm 16:2 ESV

2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

Romans 7:18 ESV

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

John 15:5 ESV

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

- *If we have even one reason, in and of ourselves, of why God should receive us into heaven, we are not fit for heaven.*
- *We must come to God as the thief crucified next to Jesus, with nothing to offer but our trust and gratitude.*

Luke 23:39-43 ESV

39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."