

Today we will have our 3rd lecture on the book of Psalms. /Psalm 10 is about “The thoughts of the wicked.” /The wicked think that there is no God.

/Verses 1-5. /Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised. For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD. In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, “There is no God.” His ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them.

/The believer is praying to God. /When a believer is suffering, it may seem like God is standing far away. /It may feel like he is hiding, like he is turning his back to us.

/However, the very fact that we feel this way means that we as believers are yearning for God and trusting in him. /Our hearts feel this way because we are earnestly seeking him and looking to him.

/On the other hand, the wicked become proud, and they torment the poor. /When it talks about the poor, the verse is talking about us believers of God. /The believer prays to God that the wicked fall into the pit that the wicked has dug.

/Verse 3 says that the wicked boasts. /He boasts of the desires of his soul. /The wicked chases his own desires. /They curse God. /They renounce the LORD.

/Seeing that the wicked renounce God and curse him, we can see that they are Atheists. /Thus, they claim that there is no God. /They claim that the world is made up of physical things only. /They believe in materialism.

/Atheists who do not acknowledge God are materialists. /They look at everything from a materialistic standpoint. /They treat human beings as objects. /To them, a person’s life is no different than any other object.

/They are the wicked people. /Verse 4 says “In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him.” /They say, “God does not protect you.” / “God does not protect the church.” / They say, “No matter how much you pray, God will not listen to your prayers.”

/Verse 4 says, “All his thoughts are, “There is no God.” /They say that God does not exist. /What their hearts believes, their lips speak. /Their thoughts are being revealed in their words.

/There is a famous philosopher. /The philosopher Niche says, / “God is dead.” /However, Niche cried out when he died. /He said, “My eyes see hell,” as he trembled and died.

/We humans can deny God. /We can refuse to acknowledge heaven and hell. /Denying God is as foolish as covering the sun with our hands. /Because the wicked are proud, they deny God.

/Verse 5 explains why the wicked become proud. /They are proud because they prosper and do well. /To them, God seems to be far away. /They despise all their foes.

/Verses 6-7 talk about the words of the wicked. /Let us read.

/Verse 6. /He says in his heart, “I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity.”

/The wicked talk in their hearts. / “I shall not be moved.” / “I shall not meet adversity.” / Verse 7 also says this. /Their mouths are full of deceit and cursing.

/Under their tongues, they have mischief and iniquity. /Verse 8 says that the wicked hide in secret places and ambush passersby. /Verse 9 says the wicked lurk to seize the poor.

/They hide like a lion in his thicket. /They wait to ambush the poor. /They throw a net to catch people as if they are catching fish. /Verse 10 says they crush the helpless with their violence.

/In verse 11, these evil people speak in their hearts. /They say, “God has forgotten.” / “God does not take care of his church and his believers.” / “Your prayers will not be conveyed to God.” /People who say such things are wicked people.

/How should we view such wicked people? /How do you accept their words? /When I am in pain, God does not help me. /How long can we be patient with this reality?

/Jesus learned obedience through suffering. /We learn obedience through our suffering. Then how long must we endure suffering? It says that having patience is having faith. /Enduring is having faith. /Now, the believer prays.

/Verses 12-15. /Let us read. /Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, “You will not call to account”? But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless. Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none.

/The prayer reads, “Arise, O LORD.” / “O God, lift up your hand.” / “Forget not the afflicted.” /Here, the afflicted are the believers. /They are the ones who yearn for God.

/In this state, we are poor in spirit. /How much are you yearning for God? /Are you loving God? /If you say you love God, you have a heart that yearns for him.

/Isaiah 40:31 says hope in the LORD. /We need to earnestly look to God. /We need to wait for God to help us. /Are we waiting patiently for God to help us?

/Verse 13 says “the wicked renounce God.” /They say, “You will not call to account?”
/They think that God will not punish them.

/Verse 14 asks God to note mischief and vexation. /It asks God to take it into his hands,
that the helpless commit themselves to God. /Verse 15 asks God to break the arm of the
wicked and evildoer, to call his wickedness to account till God finds none. /When we
pray, God responds to our prayers. /He responds to us.

/Verses 16-18. Let us read. /The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from
his land. O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you
will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is
of the earth may strike terror no more.

/God says the wicked will perish in his land. /When a person sins, the earth will vomit out
the person. /The people who originally lived in Canaan were vomited out by the land.
/Leviticus 18:28.

/Also, Romans 8:22 says /the whole creation is groaning because of the sins of man. /The
air groans. /The water groans. /The land groans. /Animals die from plagues.

/People should die from other people’s sins, but instead, the animals are dying. /All of
creation is exhausted and it groans because of mankind’s sin. /They will perish in the
LORD’s land. /This is God’s land.

/People say, “This house is my house. / “This land is my land.” /Will it be so in one
hundred years? /That is a delusion. /The LORD listens to the wishes of the poor.

/He makes their hearts strong. /He listens to their requests. /Verse 18 says God does
justice to the fatherless and the oppressed. /He helps them so that no one will threaten
them again.

/We need to have a faith that is patient. /Who is evil? /The answer is the person who says
God does not exist. /1 John 2:22 says that /whoever denies that Jesus Christ is the son of
God /is the antichrist. /We live in an age where many antichrists appear.

/Now we will study Psalm 11. /Psalm 11:3 says, “If the foundations are destroyed, what
can the righteous do?”

/Verses 1-3. Let us read. /In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul, “Flee
like a bird to your mountain, 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; if the foundations are
destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

/David says he takes refuge in the LORD. /The believer finds refuge in God. /We rely on
God. /And we look to God. /We need to draw close to God daily.

/1 Samuel 1:15 says this. /Samuel's mother Hannah prayed by pouring out her soul.
/David trusted in God. /However, people say these things to us.

/ "Flee like a bird to your mountain." /They tell us to flee to a safe place like the birds do.
/Where is "your mountain?" /Here, "your mountain" does not refer to following the word of God. /It is not a place where people live by faith.

/People are telling us to give up the word. /They are telling us to stop living by faith and run away. /They tell us to use human ways. /They want us to believe in humanism.

/The people are saying, "God will not help you, so you need to find a way to survive on your own." /Like verse 2 says, the wicked are bending their bows as they attack us.

/In the darkness, the wicked point their arrows at those who live proper lives. /How should we triumph over these threats? /There are times when the believer needs to lay down his life. /There are times when the believer must conquer suffering.

/Hebrews 11:38 said this. /There are believers who keep their faith. /The people of the world will not be able to handle this faith. /It is a faith that the world cannot handle.

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

/If the foundations are destroyed, the righteous cannot do anything. /What are the foundations? /The answer is truth. /It is also the believer's proper conscience. /Ephesians 2:20 says /believers are built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets.

/When the truth crumbles, how are we to live? /How can we stand before God when we have thrown our conscience away? /What age do we live in today?

/We live during a time when the foundations are destroyed. /These foundations are nothing new. /They are not innovating new ways of truth. /Jeremiah 6:6. /God rejoices in the ways of the past.

/Verses 4-7. /The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man. The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup. For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

/God sits on his throne and watches the lives of man. /He watches over our lives. /Psalm 7:9 says this. /God tests the minds and hearts of people. /He watches us and distinguishes between the righteous and the wicked.

/God takes care of the righteous, /but he hates the wicked and those who love violence. / Verse 6 says that God rains coals, fire, and sulfur on the wicked.

/If God rains down fire and sulfur, who can avoid it? /Were the people of Sodom and Gomorrah able to avoid it? /Besides Lot and his two daughters, nobody in Sodom and Gomorrah escaped from God's punishment.

/Verse 7 says God is a righteous God. /He is a God who judges justly. /The honest person will behold the face of God.

/Now we will study Psalm 12. /This is also a poem by David. /There were numerous wicked people in David's surroundings.

/Verses 1-2. Let us read. /Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man. Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

/The godly and faithful are shrinking in number. /It has become difficult to find people of faith. /Micah 7:2 says this. /Godly people have disappeared. /Upright men are no more among mankind. /They are all hiding to shed blood. /They hate each other and curse each other.

/Verse 2 says everyone lies to his neighbor. /They have lips of flattery. /They also have double hearts. /They are like frauds. /Everything these people say are lies.

/Who can we trust? /How can we live by faith? /God is on our side.

/Verses 3-5. /May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts, those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?" "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs."

/Have you read until verse 5? /In verse 3, we can see flattering lips and boastful tongues. / "Flattering lips" tell lies so that the person himself can benefit. / "Boastful tongues" disobey the word of God while they boast of their successes. /God will cut off those tongues.

/In verse 4, the people say, "With our tongue we will prevail." / "Our lips are with us." /They are saying, "I am saying what I want with my lips, so why do you care?"

/God answer this. /He says, "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise." / "I will place him in the safety for which he longs."

/Verse 6. /The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

/God's words are pure. /No scraps or pollution is included in the word of God. /The LORD's words are like silver refined and purified seven times in the furnace. /The words of God have no error.

/God's words do not lack anything. /Revelation 22:18 says / "If anyone adds to them, /God will add him to the plagues. / "If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, /God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city."

/God's words are pure. /When you preach, preach with the word of God. /Interpret the Bible as it is. /Do not try to come up with fancy parables. /Do not try to say anything funny.

/God's word revives people's spirits. /We are people who revive other people's spirits. We are not here to entertain them. /A preacher is not a comedian. /Is a preacher a politician? /Is he a scientist? /At the altar, proclaim the word of God.

/Verses 7-8. /You, O LORD, will keep them; you will guard us from this generation forever. On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

/David is praying to God. / "You will guard us from this generation forever." / "On every side the wicked prowl." /This is a paradox. /God will surely help his church and his believers. /That is David's faith.

/Now, we will study Psalm 13. /Psalm 13 is a psalm of David. /David was greatly worried about something.

/Verses 1-2. Let us read. /How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 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?

/David is praying to God. /His suffering is lasting too long. /He has come to a point where he cannot endure anymore. /It seems like God has forgotten about David. /It seems as if God has hidden his face.

/David's heart is troubled. /Many worries and concerns have found him. /Daily, his heart suffers. /He says, "How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?"

/Job 30:20 says this. / "I cry out to you for help and you do not answer me." /God says he will help.

/James 1:12 says /God will come when the time is right. /He will come to help when he acknowledges that we have done well as a good and faithful servant. /He will restore us. / We have faith when we do not get discouraged.

/Verses 3-4. /Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

/The believer's faith is revealed in this verse. /David, during his suffering, did not close his eyes. /He asks that his eyes be lit up so that he does not fall asleep in death. /We must not fall asleep spiritually. /Our faith must not fall asleep because of the troubles and pains of the world.

/We need to pray that God will light up our eyes. /David prays to God that the enemies will not say, "I have prevailed over him." /He prays, "Do not let me be shaken." /He asks that God strengthen him so that he may defeat the enemy.

/Verses 5-6. /But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

/David praises God. /David has trusted in God's steadfast love. /The believer must rejoice in salvation. /This is because God has dealt bountifully with David. /God deals with us bountifully.

/Now we will study Psalm 14. /Psalm 14 is also a poem by David. /There are people who are foolish.

/Verse 1. Let us read. /The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

/Who is the fool? /In Psalms, who are the wicked? /The wicked are those who say there is no God.

/Then who is the fool? /The fool is also someone who says there is no God. /His actions are corrupt and abominable. /Among the fools, there is no one who does good.

/Verse 2. /The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

/God looks down on us from heaven. /He is searching for the wise person who seeks God. /The wise person is someone who seeks God.

/Proverbs 1:7 says /the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. /The foolish person despises wisdom and discipline. /Luke 24:25 says /there are those who are slow to believe the words of Scripture. /Such people are fools. /God searched for the wise person, but did he find any?

/Verse 3. /They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

/They have all turned aside and become corrupt. /All have turned aside. /People have turned aside to the world. /They have turned to money. /They have turned to their own greed. /All together, they have become corrupt.

/Churches are also turning aside. /Is a church considered a large church if many people gather in it? /Is a church with great programs a good church? /If the church is welcoming, is God with that church? /The word of truth is important. /Keeping the faith is important.

/God watches us. /He searches for the wise person who seeks God. /Here, it says, “There is none who does good, not even one.” /Romans 3:10-12 says, / “None is righteous, no not one; /no one understands; no one seeks for God. /All have turned aside; together they have become worthless. /In this way, all have turned aside.

/Verse 4. /Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?

/The people here are evildoers. /Hosea 4:6 says, / “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” /We are not destroyed because we lack money. /We are not destroyed because we are not good at studying.

/The person who does not know God is destroyed. /The world of humanity is proof of his. /What happened to the nations of the past? /What happened to those civilizations?

/Most of the civilizations of the past are buried under sand. /What happened to the civilizations constructed by empires? /They were all plundered and destroyed.

/The verse says the evildoers eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD. /Evildoers torment God’s people as if they are eating bread. /They disregard the LORD’s church. /But what will happen to them?

/Verses 5-6. /There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.

/Soon, God’s judgment is upon them. /Fools are shaken in great terror. /God is with the righteous. /The wicked shame the plans of the poor. /However, God is a refuge for the poor.

/Verse 7. /Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

/Finally, God lets his people return as they sing the song of triumph. /It says Israel’s salvation would come out of Zion. /God’s people sing as they return. /God makes Jacob rejoice and Israel glad.

/Jeremiah 29:13 says, / “You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.” /God says he will restore them to the place they were before they were prisoners. / I hope that you all pray to God.

/We will now study Psalm 15. /Who can dwell in the tent of God?

/Verse 1. Let us read. /O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

/Who can sojourn in the LORD's tent? /Who can climb up his holy hill? /The answer is first, the honest person. /Second, the person who does what is right. /Third, the person who speaks truth.

/Who is the honest person? /He is someone who is proper. /Who is just? /The answer is the person who acts according to the will of God. /We need to only speak the truth. /We need to proclaim the word of God as it is.

/Verses 3-4. /who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

/They do not slander with their tongue. /They do no evil to their friends. /They do not disturb their neighbors. /They despise the vile person. /But they honor those who fear the LORD. /Also, they honor what they have sworn to God even though it may hurt them.

/Verse 5. /who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

/He does not lend his money with the intention of collecting interest. /He does not take bribes to hurt the innocent. /This person will never be moved.

/This ends the third 3rd lecture on the book of Psalms. /Thank you.