

## **The Lord is King**

Jesus in the Psalms

*Psalm 10*

Stuart W. Bryan

### **I. Jezebel, Princess of Sidon, Queen of Israel**

Psalm 10 is a prayer to Yahweh the King. The psalmist asks God to vindicate His Name in the face of the wicked, in the face of those who despise Him and mistreat others.

### **II. Yahweh the King**

A. The Cry of the Righteous (v. 1 cf. 1 Kgs 19:1-10)

*It is a disease under which men in general labour, to imagine, according to the judgment of the flesh, that when God does not execute his judgments, he is sitting idle, or lying at ease.* John Calvin

- Take comfort
- Take your pleas to God

B. Anatomy of the Wicked (vv. 2-11)

1. The Pride of the Wicked (3-7)

\_\_\_\_\_ is that attitude “*which refuses to depend on God and be subject to him, but attributes to self the honour due to God...*” (D.H. Tongue)

- a. 3a - Boasts in his desire;
- b. 3b - Blesses the greedy
- c. 3c-4 - Ignores God and doesn't perceive God's justice;
- d. 5-6 - Imagines himself impregnable;
- e. 7 - Uses his mouth to manipulate, abuse, deceive, and scheme.

## 2. The Tyranny of the Wicked (8-11)

\_\_\_\_\_ is the use of power or strength to intimidate or mistreat those who are weaker for one's own advantage.

- a. 8-9 - He plots and schemes against the innocent;
- b. 10 - He uses his strength to destroy the weak;
- c. 11 - He imagines that God does not see.

Psalm 10 provides the most extensive description of the wicked man identified in other psalms. Who is the wicked man? The wicked man is the proud and tyrannical man; he is the man who violates the two greatest commandments: the command to love \_\_\_\_\_ and to love one's \_\_\_\_\_ as one's self.

### C. Prayer for Deliverance (vv. 12-18)

God lives and evaluates and judges – and God is on the side of righteousness and justice. Hence, God will always vindicate the innocent and judge the guilty for God is the \_\_\_\_\_ forever and ever.

Jesus has triumphed; he now reigns; and the days of those nations that practice injustice and tyranny, that boast of their own power and pride, have come to an end! God will accomplish justice in the earth.

## III. Conclusion

