



ISRAEL'S GREATEST HITS VOLUME II

When the Lord Seems Far Off
Psalm 10

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1. Be _____ (vv.1-13)

Psalms 10:1 Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? **2** In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised. **3** For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD. **4** In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God." **5** His ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them. **6** He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity." **7** His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and iniquity. **8** He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless; **9** he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net. **10** The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might. **11** He says in his heart, "God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it." **12** Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. **13** Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"? **14** 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. **15** Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none. **16** The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land. **17** O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear **18** to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more. (ESV)

2. Be _____ (vv.14-16)

3. Be _____ (vv.17-18)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Mark 10:14** and **Psalms 119:53, 136, & 158**. How do you reconcile these godly examples with the biblical commands for God's people to rejoice, be glad, and be joyful?
2. Read **Matthew 16:27** and **Revelation 22:12**. How can these sobering promises from Christ bring you a sense of comfort, and at the same time drive you to a humble dependence on God's grace?
3. Read **Psalms 73:12-22**. What is some of the practical damage to our Christian lives when we are not mindful that God will one day make all things right?

4. Read **1 Peter 2:19-23**. What is the most impactful and helpful part of this exhortation and how can you make sure you think this way more often?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

March 24th
Josh. 11-13 & Lk. 4:1-32

March 25th
Josh. 14-15 & Lk. 4:33-44

March 26th
Josh. 16-18 & Lk. 5:1-16

March 27th
Josh. 19-20 & Lk. 5:17-39

March 28th
Josh. 21-22 & Lk. 6:1-26

March 29th
Josh. 23-24 & Lk. 6:27-49

March 30th
Judg. 1-2 & Lk. 7:1-30

March 31st
Judg. 3-5 & Lk. 7:31-50

This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question

- Read **Psalms 7:11**. Sadly, many construct their view of God based on a few of their favorite verses, never having been pressed to grapple with unexpected verses like Psalm 7:11. In light of this, why is a thorough biblical training so important for church leaders?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 16-15 – **Suffering in a Broken World**

Msg. 16-20 – **Feeling Godly Grief**

Msg. 12-14 – **Forecast for a Rebellious World**

Msg. 14-17 – **Lifelines: For Tough Times**

Msg. 10-19 – **Looking for the Good When Things Go Bad**

Msg. 09-04 – **Confident in God's Justice**

Msg. 08-59 – **The Theodicy of God** (a study on God's goodness & the existence of evil)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **If God is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil**. Multnomah Books, 2014.

Bounds, E. M. **The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1990.

Carson, D. A. **How Long O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Fabarez, Mike. **Lifelines for Tough Times: God's Presence and Help When You Hurt**. Harvest House, 2014.

Feinberg, John A. **Deceived by God? A Journey Through Suffering**. Crossway Books, 1997.

Hutchinson, John. **Thinking Right When Things Go Wrong: Biblical Wisdom for Surviving Tough Times**. Kregel, 2005.

Lutz, Susan. **Thankfulness: Even When It Hurts**. P & R, 2002.

MacArthur, John. **The Power of Suffering: Strengthening Your Faith in the Refiner's Fire**. David C. Cook, 2011.

Mohler, Mary. **Growing in Gratitude: Rediscovering the Joy of a Thankful Heart**. Good Book Co., 2018.

Morgan, Christopher. **Suffering and the Goodness of God**. Crossway, 2008.

Piper, John & Justin Taylor, eds. **Suffering and the Sovereignty of God**. Crossway, 2006.

Sproul, R. C. **Surprised by Suffering: The Role of Pain and Death in the Christian Life**. Reformation Trust, 2009.

Stanley, Lynn. **The Fruit of the Spirit is Patience**. Focus Publishing, 1999.

Watson, Thomas. **All Things for Good**. (Puritan Paperbacks) Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1986.