

PSALM

# 10 O LORD, why do you stand remote?

Capo 3: E Am (E7 Am) Dm (F Dm) Am (E7 Am) Em B E

1 O LORD, why do you stand re - mote and stay so far a - way?  
 2 The wick - ed in his ar - ro - gance hunts down the weak and poor,  
 3 A - bout the crav - ings of his heart he speaks with boast - ful word;

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Why do you hide your self from us when trou - ble comes our way?  
 who in the snares that he has set are caught and held se - cure.  
 he prais - es peo - ple filled with greed while he re - viles the LORD.

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| <p>4 The wicked does not seek the LORD because he is so proud, and in his inmost thoughts there is no room at all for God.</p>       | <p>7 The wicked's mouth is always full of curses, threats and lies; evil and trouble from his tongue continually arise.</p>  |
| <p>5 His ways are always prosperous; he strikes a haughty pose. He keeps his distance from your laws; he sneers at all his foes.</p> | <p>8 He lies in wait near villages his victims' blood to spill; he lurks in secret ambushes the innocent to kill.</p>        |
| <p>6 He reassures himself and says, "No threat will topple me – I will be happy evermore; from trouble I'll be free."</p>            | <p>9 Like lions crouching secretly he waits for helpless prey. He pounces on the weak and poor; his net drags them away.</p> |

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- 10 His victims by his strength are crushed;  
his prey collapse and fall.  
He thinks, "God does not notice it;  
he does not see at all."
- 11 Arise, LORD God, lift up your hand;  
do not forget the poor.  
Why does the wicked say of God,  
"My conduct he'll ignore"?
- 12 But you, O God, do see such wrong  
and you will bring redress.  
The victim puts his trust in you;  
you help the fatherless.
- 13 LORD, break the wicked person's power  
and call him to account  
for all the evil which he thought  
would never be found out.
- 14 The LORD will ever reign as King;  
his throne will always stand.  
The heathen nations of the world  
will perish from his land.
- 15 O LORD, the needy ones' desire  
you answer from on high;  
you give encouragement to them  
and listen to their cry.
- 16 For you defend the fatherless  
and those who are oppressed,  
so that from fear of mortal man  
the helpless may have rest.