

Songs in the Night



LAMENT

the lost language of worship

**“We were created to live with God
in a garden, yet we wake every
morning in the desert of a
fallen world.”**

Michael Card, *A Sacred Sorrow*





Psalm 10

**Why, Lord, do you stand far off?
Why do you hide yourself in
times of trouble?**

Psalm 10:1

**In his arrogance the wicked man
hunts down the weak, who are
caught in the schemes he devises.**

Psalm 10:2

**He boasts about the cravings of his
heart; he blesses the greedy and
reviles the Lord.**

Psalm 10:3

**In his pride the wicked man does
not seek him; in all his thoughts
there is no room for God.**

Psalm 10:4

**His ways are always prosperous;
your laws are rejected by him; he
sneers at all his enemies.**

Psalm 10:5

He says to himself, “Nothing will ever shake me.” He swears, “No one will ever do me harm.”

Psalm 10:6

**His mouth is full of lies and
threats; trouble and evil are under
his tongue.**

Psalm 10:7

He lies in wait near the villages;
from ambush he murders the
innocent. His eyes watch in secret
for his victims;

Psalm 10:8

Like a lion in cover he lies in wait.

**He lies in wait to catch the
helpless; he catches the helpless
and drags them off in his net.**

Psalm 10:9

**His victims are crushed, they
collapse; they fall under his
strength.**

Psalm 10:10

He says to himself, “God will never notice; he covers his face and never sees.”

Psalm 10:11





**Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O
God. Do not forget the helpless.**

Psalm 10:12

**Why does the wicked man revile
God? Why does he say to himself,
“He won’t call me to account”?**

Psalm 10:13

But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless.

Psalm 10:14

**Break the arm of the wicked man;
call the evildoer to account for his
wickedness that would not
otherwise be found out.**

Psalm 10:15



**The Lord is King for ever and ever;
the nations will perish from his
land.**

Psalm 10:16

**You, LORD, hear the desire of the
afflicted; you strengthen them, and
you listen to their cry.**

Psalm 10:17

**Defending the fatherless and the
oppressed, so that mere earthly
mortals will never again strike
terror.**

Psalm 10:18

Structure of a Lament Psalm

I. Permission (vs. 1)

II. Pain (vs. 2-11)

III. Pivot (vs. 12-14)

IV. Promise (vs. 15-18)

The hiddenness of God

vs.

The attentiveness of God

Our God does not close his eyes.

Our God does not cover his ears.

Our God does not stay far away.

Our God does not close his eyes.

“But you, God, you see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand.”



Our God does not cover his ears.

“You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted; you strengthen them, and you listen to their cry.”



*The **eyes** of the Lord are on the
righteous, and his **ears** are attentive to
their cry. The righteous cry out and
the Lord hears them.*

Psalm 34:15-16

Our God does not stay far away.

*“**Arise, LORD!** Lift up your hand, O God.
Do not forget the helpless.*”









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