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Psalm 10 - "What's going on here?"

Intro: People of the Word

- CP: We exist to glorify God by committing ourselves to His Word, His people, and His mission

Book of Psalms

- Every human emotion is dealt with
- More relevant than any news article or book we can pick up off the shelf
- Up-to-date book

Psalm 10:1- We've all asked this question.

- Felt abandoned
- Confused with what is going on

Everyone deep within asks the question:

- What's going on here?
- Who's in charge?
- Why is it the way that it is?
- Why is life this way?

Two Main Points:

- I. Man without God
- II. The God Who is there
- I. Man without God (10:3–11)
 - A. Rejects humility (God is God and man is in need of him) (embraces pride)
 - Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then <u>comes disgrace</u>, but with the humble is wisdom.
 - *Man displays his rejection of humility (God) by:
 - 1. Boasting in the desire of his soul (3a)
 - 2. Reviling and rejecting the Lord (3b)
 - 3. Rejecting His law (5b)
 - v. 4 "there is no God"
 - Why our society focuses so much on the self

B. Embraces prosperity (10:5)

- Prosperity isn't the issue
- It's when it becomes the end in itself (chases after more) (doesn't recognize the giver)
- Psalm 49:5–10; 16–20
- "This is all mine"
- It holds us instead of us holding it

^{**}Principle: When we try to unscramble the world without God at the center, we can never make sense of it.**

C. Misplaces security (10:6)

- "I shall not be shaken, always happy, and no adversity"
- Where does this fit when your nose bleeds?
- Man without God creates false security.

D. Practices cruelty (10:7–11)

- His words and his actions
- Premeditated cruelty
- *relevance of the world...
- **So why is the world the way it is?
 - Because man without God rejects humility, embraces prosperity, misplaces security, and practices cruelty
- **In verses 12–13, there is transition from man to God.
 - Prayer
 - Notice that the prayer moves from David asking God why He removes Himself to David reminding himself that God sees and acts
- **Principle: When we process our emotions in the His presence, we will be reminded of His presence, power, and promise.

II. The God Who is there (10:14–18)

A. Sees the distress (14)

- Vexation state of being annoyed, frustrated, or worried
- "take it into your hands"
 - Are you willing to give it to him?

B. Settles their accounts (15)

- God always settles His books.
- Some things we will have to wait for.
- No loose ends
- Revelation 20
- Every individual will stand before God whether you believe in Him or not.

C. Sits on the thrones (16)

- He reigns as king forever and ever.
- Nations will perish.

D. Saves the needy (17-18)

- From the same throne where He crushes the proud, He strengthens the needy.
- To give justice

How do we make sense of this world? Man has rejected God, and in turn, man without God rejects humility, embraces prosperity, misplaces security and practices cruelty. But God sees the hurting, will settle the accounts of all men, sits on His throne, and saves the needy.