

The Pastor Patrick Podcast – Episode 10 Notes

Title: Psalm 10 | Episode 10 of The Pastor Patrick Podcast

Text: Psalm 10:1–18 (NIV)

Topic: The Cry of the Oppressed – When Justice Seems Hidden

Observations from Psalm 10

What is happening in this passage?

Context:

Psalm 10 is a deep lament from someone experiencing profound injustice and oppression. It expresses frustration with God's apparent silence and confidently cries for His intervention.

I. Oppression by the Wicked (vv. 1–11)

- **Appeal (vv. 1–2):** The Psalmist urgently questions God's seeming inaction during suffering. *"Why, Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?"* (v.1)
- **Psalm 13:1** – "How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?"
- **Arrogance (vv. 3–5):** The wicked boast openly, rejecting God's authority. *"In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God."* (v.4)
- **Proverbs 16:18** – "Pride goes before destruction."
- **Assumption (vv. 6–11):** The oppressor wrongly believes nothing can harm or judge them. *"He says to himself, 'Nothing will ever shake me.' He swears, 'No one will ever do me harm.'"* (v.6)
- **Psalm 36:2** – "In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin."

II. Overcoming by the Godly (vv. 12–18)

- **Appeal (v. 12):** A passionate plea for God's intervention. *"Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless."* (v.12)
- **Psalm 9:19** – "Arise, Lord, do not let mortals triumph."
- **Arguments (vv. 13–16):** The Psalmist reminds God of His character—He sees all injustice clearly. *"But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand."* (v.14)
- **Psalm 34:15** – "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears attentive to their cry."
- **Assurance (vv. 17–18):** Confidence that God listens and will ultimately bring justice. *"You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry."* (v.17)
- **Psalm 145:18** – "The Lord is near to all who call on him."

Song Connection

"It All Tumbles Down" by Kid in Flight (2:30)

Key Lyric:

*"See how it all tumbles down
What man makes will eventually be ground
Ash to ash and dust to dust
Nothing to show
Only love can last, still we grasp
And won't let go."*

Detailed Connection:

Kid in Flight's song resonates deeply with Psalm 10's lament over human pride, arrogance, and injustice. The lyric vividly captures the inevitable collapse of self-centered empires and plans, mirroring the Psalmist's assertion that wickedness and arrogance will not endure. Ultimately, the song emphasizes a truth aligned with Psalm 10—that genuine hope and lasting significance come only through humility and trust in God's love and justice.

On-Air Cue:

"Psalm 10 reveals how human arrogance and injustice inevitably crumble. Kid in Flight reminds us: Only what's built on God's lasting love endures."

Interpretation

What spiritual truths can we draw from this passage?

- **Feeling forgotten doesn't mean you are:**

Even when God seems distant, He remains intimately aware of your suffering.

- **Isaiah 49:15** – “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast...? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!”

- **Arrogance blinds us to reality:**

Pride convinces oppressors that they're untouchable, but God's justice will ultimately prevail.

- **Obadiah 1:3-4** – “The pride of your heart has deceived you.”

- **God clearly sees hidden injustices:**

Nothing escapes His view, assuring believers of eventual divine justice.

- **Hebrews 4:13** – “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.”

- **Faith recalls past faithfulness to face current struggles:**

Remembering God's prior interventions strengthens our trust in His future justice.

- **Psalms 77:11-12** – “I will remember the deeds of the Lord.”

“When God seems distant, trust that His justice, though hidden, is never absent.”

Application

How can we live this out?

- **Express honest lament to God.**

Don't hide your frustrations; openly share your struggles and feelings of abandonment.

- **Psalms 62:8** – “Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.”

- **Reject prideful self-reliance.**

Recognize your dependence on God, knowing your strength alone can't sustain you.

- **Micah 6:8** – “Walk humbly with your God.”

- **Trust God's timing and justice.**

Release your own desire for vengeance, trusting His perfect plan.

- **Romans 12:19** – “Do not take revenge... ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay.’”

- **Recall God's faithfulness often.**

Regularly remember moments God has intervened or comforted you, deepening your trust.

- **Lamentations 3:21-23** – “Yet this I call to mind... great is your faithfulness.”
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Reflection Questions

- When have you felt God was distant or hidden during injustice or pain?
 - How has pride impacted your relationship with God or others?
 - What injustice in your life are you trusting God to resolve right now?
 - How can recalling past experiences of God's faithfulness help strengthen your current faith?
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Additional Scripture Connections

- **Psalms 34:17-18** – “The righteous cry out... The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.”
- **Jeremiah 29:12-13** – “You will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen.”
- **Proverbs 15:3** – “The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.”
- **Galatians 6:9** – “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest.”