

“BAD MAN”

I. **INTRO:**

- A. I would like to see this Psalm through a unique window into another world, of those who I just visited in the Shan State of Burma.
- B. No punches are pulled here. As **C.S. Lewis** once said, “reading Psalm 10 is like throwing open the door of an oven that is set to 500 degrees – you immediately get hit full in the face with the heat of the psalmist’s fury.”
- C. **Outline:** Does God **Hide**? Does God **Hear**? Does God **Help**?

II. **BAD MAN!**

- A. **DOES GOD HIDE?** (1-4)
- B. The whole psalm is about “**the man of the earth**”(last verse) & his **vain thoughts & vicious ways**.
 - 1. If we could X-Ray his **mental & moral** interior this is what we’d read.
 - 2. Since Cain & Abel we’ve had 2 types of men, carnal/spiritual; earthly/godly.
 - a) The *latter* continually suffers from the *former*, & cry to God for help.
 - b) From time to time God intervenes **supernaturally**, from time to time **providentially**, but again & again He **does not intervene at all**.
 - (1) Though whenever He permits the **godly** to be **victimized**, He gives them **grace** to bear it, & overrules it to **their ultimate good**.
- C. **Why do you stand afar off? Why do you hide? Where are You? God why are you indifferent?**
 - 1. The **invisibility, silence, & seeming unconcern** of God, create a sore problem for the innocent, & seem to give license to the gloating wicked-doer.
 - a) The godly weep & the wicked laugh. (now)
 - b) But as one said, “it is better to go **weeping** to heaven than **laughing** to hell.”
 - 2. The **atheist** answers, *there is no God*;
 - 3. The **rationalist** says, *God is unable to act or doesn’t care*;
 - 4. The **legalist** says *this is punishment for personal sin*.
 - 5. **David** answers in another Psalm, “**He is a very present help in time of trouble.**”

- D. I guess those who really love the Lord **will** find themselves in very difficult places.
1. **As Abraham** did, & **Moses**, & **David**, & **Jesus** who ended up in the most difficult place of all...*crucified on a Roman Cross!*
- E. **We have little control over the circumstances of life.**
1. We can't control the **weather** or the **economy**, & we can't control what other people **say** about or **do** to us.
 2. There is only one area we have control, we can *rule the kingdom inside*.
 - a) **The heart** of every problem is the problem of the **heart**.
 - b) **Once we get to that throne room inside us & let God takeover**, we don't have to worry about others.
- F. (2) **Pride** - is the mother of all wrongs!
- G. (4) **God is not in his thoughts** - in Buddhism this is very true.
1. It's not about looking to a **god** but attaining **Enlightenment** or **Nirvana** (cessation/extinction of desires).
 2. **Explain the Jetti triangle in Buddhism (all over the place).**
- H. **DOES GOD HEAR?** (5-13)
- l. (5) Here we have a hint of an answer at this point, *your judgments are far above out of his sight*.
 1. The earthbound man is too engrossed at ground level to see what is hanging over him. **Ex: Spear-fishin river shore in Belize; staring down, large snake on limb over hang.**
- J. (8) What is birthed in **pride**(4); begets **evil speech**(7); & finally bears the fruit of **cruel ways**(8).
- K. (11) Such Arrogance.
- L. **Do something God!** (12,13)
- M. The **call**, the **why**, the **cry**.
- N. (12) **Do not forget the humble** - Humility isn't thinking *poorly* of ourselves, it is not thinking of ourselves *at all*.
1. **Humility is admitting I can't handle my problem by myself.**
 2. **God is going to handle it by working in me & through me & for me.**
 - a) He always starts with *in* me (before he works *through* me & *for* me).

- O. (13) 3 verses which expose the **3-root-errors** in the *earthly* man's thinking.
1. (vs.4) **God is not** [he brags he's an atheist, & lives like one];
 2. (vs.11) **God has forgotten, He hides His face, He will never see** [if he can't convince himself there is **no** God, he persuades himself God is **too distant** to see him];
 3. (vs.13) **God will not require it** [if he can't convince himself there is **no** God; **or** persuades himself God doesn't **see**; **he** dares to believe that he can **dodge** God's judgment (*as he's tricked men*)].
- P. **DOES GOD HELP?** (14-18)
- Q. **Finally, some answers!**
1. He does **see, hear, & will do something** about it!
- R. **How do we know this for sure?**
1. Because, God is everywhere. He has promised not to leave us nor forsake us.
 2. **Faith** says, "I'm going to trust God no matter what I **see**, no matter what I **think**, & no matter what I **feel**."
- S. **Yes, He Sees!** (14,15)
- T. The form of the 4th may be hard to see, but He is there in the fire. **Read Dan.3:25.**
1. You may not **see** His form, you may not **hear** His voice, you may not **sense** His nearness...**but** He is there deeply touched.
 2. **Don't rely on feeling, but on faith** in His unswerving fidelity.
 - a) And though we don't **see** Him, let us **talk** to Him in whispers as though we could detect him.
- U. **Yes, He Hears!** (16,17)
- V. **You have heard, You will cause Your ear to hear.** Such assurance!
- W. **Yes, He will Do Justice!** (18)
- X. He will help them in the **right way** at the **right time**.
- Y. It looks though the ungodly are winning **the day**, but the Lord will triumph **in the end**.
1. The enemy will win some of the **battles**, but guaranteed they will lose the **war**.