

Why Do You Stand Far Off, O God My Lord?

From Psalm 10

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1. Why do You stand far off, O God my LORD?
2. The wick - ed gloat and in their pride of face
3. *Their mouths are full of curs - ing and de - ceit,*
4. *They crouch be - side their traps and are dis - graced.*
5. Why do the wick - ed thus con - demn the LORD?
6. O God, come down and break their e - vil arms.

And why in times of trou - ble do You hide?
Will not seek af - ter God or think of Him.
And un - der *their vain tongues is mis - chief wrought.*
They wait to catch the poor by their own hand
Why do they think He will not judge their sin?
Seek out their sins and chase them all a - way.

The wick - ed in their hate can - not af - ford
Their ways are al - ways griev - ous to His grace,
Their words seek ways soon to de - fraud and cheat;
And say with - in their hearts, "God hides His face,
Our God has seen it all and lifts His sword;
The LORD is King, and freed from all a - larms

To spare the poor from per - se - cut - ing pride.
 And all His judg - ments seen as blurred and dim.
They lurked in al - leys and from hid - ing sought
He has for - got - ten us; our schemes will stand.
 God marks the mis - chief and the spite with - in
 We rest in Him; the hea - then fade a - way.

Let them be caught as all their schemes col - lide.
 They scoff at com - ing dan - gers fell and grim
The blood of in - no - cents; the poor are caught.
For God will nev - er see what we have planned."
 Their e - vil hearts— His judg - ments soon be - gin.
 O LORD, You al - ways hear the hum - ble pray

He boasts of lust which from his heart a - ris - es;
 As in their hearts they say they can't be shak - en,
 They lie in wait; *their nets are laid down slow - ly;*
 A - rise, our LORD and God, bring Your sal - va - tion
 O God, the wick - ed scorn all true re - pent - ance.
 As You pre - pare their hearts for Your own bless - ing.

He bless - es greed - y men and God de - spis - es.
 And claim they can - not be in trou - bles tak - en.
They set their traps; they scheme to catch the low - ly.
And save the hum - ble from hu - mil - i - a - tion.
 The fa - ther - less re - ly up - on Your sen - tence.
 You hear their cry and judge all vain op - press - ing.