



## TEHILLIM TALKS

### Psalm 10

↳ 1-2 Why, Adonai, do You stand far away? Why do You **hide** Yourself in times of trouble? <sup>2</sup> In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.

A discourse on the wicked  
מ, ו, ס, ע, פ, צ omitted

3 For the wicked **boasts** of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain praises [himself] and **despise** [+13] Adonai.

נאץ  
(no'atz)  
“revile / despise”

4 In the pride of his **face** [lite. ‘nose’], the wicked man does not **seek** Him. [#1] **“There is no God.”** [This is the essence of] all his schemes.

אין                      אני  
(ein)                      (ani)  
“there is no”                      “I”

5 His ways prosper at all times. Your judgments are far removed from him. As for all his foes, he **puffs** at them.

פוח  
(puach)  
“puffs / snorts”

6 He says in his heart, [#2] **“I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not be in adversity.”**

7 His mouth is filled with **vows** and yet it is all deceit and oppression; under his tongue are **mischiefs** and iniquity.

אלה  
(alah)  
“vows / oaths”

8 He sits in ambush in the villages; in **hiding** places he murders the innocent. His eyes spy on the helpless.

9 He lurks in **hiding** like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

10 The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might.

Or...

He acts the humble man; he goes bowed down. The weak fall into his traps.

11 He says in his heart, [#3] **“God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it.”** [v.14]

12-13 Arise, Adonai; O God, lift up Your hand; forget not the afflicted. <sup>13</sup> Why does the wicked **despise** God and say in his heart, [#4] **“You are not really watching** [lit. **“seeking”**]?

דָּרַשׁ

(*darosh*)

“to seek out”

14 But You do see, for You note mischief and provocation that You may take it into Your hands. To You the helpless commits himself; You have been the helper of the fatherless.

15-16 Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; **search out** his wickedness till You find none. <sup>16</sup> Adonai is King forever and ever; the nations **perish** from His land.

אַבָּד

(*avad*)

“to destroy”

17-18 O Adonai, You hear the desire of the afflicted; You will strengthen their heart; You will incline Your ear <sup>18</sup> to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that **man** [*enosh*] who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

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## REFERENCES:

### Verse 1

**Isaiah 45:15** Truly, You are a God who hides [סתר, *satar*] Himself, O God of Israel, Savior.

**Psalms 9:9** Adonai is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

### Verse 2

**Proverbs 16:5** Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to Adonai. Be assured, he will not go unpunished.

### Verse 3

**Numbers 14:11** And Adonai said to Moses, "How long will this people despise Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?"

(DBY) ... he contemneth Jehovah.

(KJV) ... whom Adonai abhorreth.

### Verse 5

**Proverbs 6:19** ... a false witness who breathes [פוח *puach* - "puffs"] out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

**Proverbs 12:17** He puffs [פוח *puach*] loyalty, speaks of justice and is a deceitful, false witness.

### Verse 7

**Psalms 7:14** Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief [עמל, *amal*] and gives birth to lies.

### Verse 8

**Deuteronomy 27:24** "Cursed be anyone who strikes down his neighbor in secret.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'"

### Verse 15

**Jeremiah 50:20** In those days and in that time, declares Adonai, iniquity shall be sought in Israel, and there shall be none, and sin in Judah, and none shall be found, for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.

*"One day, when God's sovereignty will be acknowledged everywhere, and the earth shall have become His earth, the opposition of the nations as goyim shall disappear from God's world." (R' S.R. Hirsch)*

### Verse 16

**Exodus 10:7** Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve Adonai their God. Do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined [אבד, *avad*]?"

**Leviticus 23:30** "And whoever does any work on that very day, that person I will destroy [אבד, *avad*] from among his people."

**Numbers 16:32-33** And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the people who belonged to Korah and all their goods. So they and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed over them, and they perished [אבד, *avad*] from the midst of the assembly.