

PSALM 10

WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God *is* not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall* never *be* in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

12. Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.

14 Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.

16 The LORD *is* King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

PSALM 11

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.

IN the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4. The LORD *is* in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne *is* in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

PSALM 12

To the chief Musician upon Sheminith,
A Psalm of David.

HELP, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaketh proud things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips *are* our own: who *is* lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety *from him that* puffeth at him.

6 The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM 13

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HOW long wilt thou forget me,
O LORD? for ever? how long
wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel
in my soul, *having* sorrow in my
heart daily? how long shall mine
enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD
my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I
sleep the *sleep of* death;

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have
prevailed against him; *and* those
that trouble me rejoice when I am
moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy
mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy
salvation.

6 I will sing unto the LORD,
because he hath dealt bountifully
with me.

PSALM 14

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.

THE fool hath said in his heart,
There is no God. They are cor-
rupt, they have done abominable
works, *there is* none that doeth
good.

2 The LORD looked down from
heaven upon the children of men,
to see if there were any that did
understand, *and* seek God.

3 They are all gone aside, they
are *all* together become filthy: *there*
is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4. Have all the workers of iniqui-
ty no knowledge? who eat up my
people *as* they eat bread, and call
not upon the LORD.

5 There were they in great fear:
for God *is* in the generation of the
righteous.

6 Ye have shamed the counsel of
the poor, because the LORD *is* his
refuge.

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel
were come out of Zion! when the
LORD bringeth back the captivity of
his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and*
Israel shall be glad.

PSALM 15

A Psalm of David.

LORD, who shall abide in thy
tabernacle? who shall dwell in
thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly,
and worketh righteousness, and
speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 *He that* backbiteth not with
his tongue, nor doeth evil to his
neighbour, nor taketh up a
reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is
contemned; but he honoureth them
that fear the LORD. *He that*
swareth to *his own* hurt, and
changeth not.

5 *He that* putteth not out his
money to usury, nor taketh reward

against the innocent. He that doeth these *things* shall never be moved.

PSALM 16

Michtam of David.

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

2 *O my soul*, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my Lord: my goodness *extendeth* not to thee;

3 *But* to the saints that *are* in the earth, and *to* the excellent, in whom *is* all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* hasten *after* another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

5 The LORD *is* the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

8. I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer

thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

PSALM 17

A Prayer of David.

HEAR the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth* not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing; I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me from* the paths of the destroyer.

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps slip not.

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, *and hear* my speech.

7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them*.

8. Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of

thy wings,

9 From the wicked that oppress me, *from* my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about.

10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

12 Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint

him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *which is* thy sword:

14 From men *which are* thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, *which have* their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure*: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalms 10 is a prayer for help. The prevalence of wickedness apparently troubled David greatly, especially the wicked's defiance of God. To David, as to other Bible writers, there are just two classes of people—the righteous and the wicked.

Psalms 11, 12, and 13 deal with the prevalence of wickedness. David indicates the wicked walk on every side. He is overwhelmed with his wicked enemies, almost to the point of death. But David trusts in God and sings for joy. Such Psalms as these seem to belong to the period when David was hiding from Saul.

Psalms 14 is quoted in Romans 3:10-12. In this Psalm infidels are called fools. The prevalence of wickedness shows what fools men are, for as sure as there is a God, there will be a day of judgment for the wicked.

Psalms 15 describes the character of the godly. They have fellowship with God in worship (verse 1), and their lives conform to His profession. Thomas Jefferson called this Psalm the picture of a true gentleman.

Psalms 16 and 17 (as well as 18—24) are prophetic views of Christ. These nine Psalms reflect the character of the godly, but find their ultimate fulfillment in Christ. In Psalm 16 David appears to be

speaking of himself; yet mystic words of the coming Messiah find their way into David's mouth. Note especially two magnificent verses, "I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved" (verse 8); and "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (verse 11).

In Psalm 17 David is again overwhelmed by his enemies. David looks to God and puts his trust in Him. He is surrounded by lovers of this world, but David sets his heart on the world beyond (verses 14 and 15).

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame" (Proverbs 13:5).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 20: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1963

THOMAS J. BACH DIED.

It is said that Bach made The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) into one of the great faith mission-

ary organizations of our time. He was general director from 1928 to 1946. At this writing over eight hundred missionaries are on the field, making it the eighth largest missionary society of the world. Again today pray for missionaries and for missionary societies. May God increase their tribe.

1909

THE BIRTHDATE OF CHARLES FEINBERG.

For years Charles Feinberg has been a great conservative scholar. He taught at Dallas Theological Seminary, Bible Institute of Los Angeles (Biola University now), and the Talbot Theological Seminary. Blessed be God for scholarly Bible teachers to whom we can send our young people, and have their faith strengthened instead of weakened. Pray for them today.

1843

JAMES GILMOUR WAS BORN.

He was a Scottish Congregationalist who became a missionary to Mongolia. From 1870 to 1891 he lived a life of sacrifice and abandon for the Gospel.

1917

JAMES DENNY DIED.

Denny was a Church of Scotland theologian. He was involved with the United Free Church of Scotland, and he was a professor of the New Testament, language, literature, and theology for a number of years.

It seems that our thinking today is toward professors and Bible teachers. It has been my privilege to hear speakers from many of the outstanding Christian colleges, seminaries, and Bible schools across Ameri-

ca. My heart is blessed again and again as I realize how many scholars love the Word of God and the Saviour of the Word. It would do us well to dedicate our children to the Lord and our lives to rearing them for the Lord, and to lead and influence them to attend a Christian school where they could be taught the infallibility of the Word of God and the happiness of the life so surrendered to its truth.

**ON THIS DATE IN
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

1963

MEDGAR W. EVERS (37), NAACP FIELD SECRETARY IN MISSISSIPPI, ASSASSINATED IN FRONT OF HIS JACKSON HOME BY A SEGREGATIONIST.

CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP DEMONSTRATED AT HARLEM CONSTRUCTION SITES TO PROTEST DISCRIMINATION IN BUILDING TRADES UNIONS.

Demonstrations and marches were held in metropolitan areas in June, July and August to dramatize discontent over housing, school and job discrimination.

1967

U.S. SUPREME COURT RULED THAT A VIRGINIA LAW BANNING RACIAL INTERMARRIAGE WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

1967

RACE RIOT, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Three hundred persons were arrested, and the National Guard was mobilized.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I MAY LOSE MY JOB AND POSITION"

(Assignment 20)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning," page xiii near the front of this book.)

() Mark 8:36

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

() Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

() Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

() Psalms 37:25

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

() Psalms 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.