

# MORNING MEDITATION

**THEME** Psalm 10:1-6 - THE MAN IN THE MIRROR

**TEXT** 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.. Psalm 10:1-6 [KJV]

## **THE 'SETTING'**

- the death of Absalom (*2Sam 18:9-17*)
- the grief of David (*2Sam 18:32-19:4*)
- the shame of the people (*2Sam 19:2-3*)
- the rebuke of Joab (*2Sam 19:5-7*)

## **THE 'PROBLEM'**

how the consequences of personal SIN causes us to

- 'question' GOD
- 'condemn' others
- comfort, satisfy, or justify ourselves at other's expense (*compare story of Balaam - Num 22*)

## **THE 'SOLUTION'**

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Luke 6:37 [KJV]

## **WHAT DAVID 'SAW' IN HIS ENEMIES**

- they were prideful (v2)
- they persecute the poor (v2)
- they boast of their hearts desire (v3)
- they 'bless' the covetous (v3)
- they don't seek after GOD (v4)
- they don't think about GOD (v4)
- their ways are grievous (v5)
- they think they are 'immovable' (v6)
- they think they are above reproach (v6)

## **WHAT JOAB 'SAW' IN DAVID**

- he abandoned his responsibility (*2Sam 11:1, 2Chr 20:1*)
- he 'took' another man's wife (*2Sam 11:2-5*)
- he arranged for an innocent man to be killed in order to cover up his 'sin' (*2Sam 11:14-15, 25*)
- he impetuously numbered the people against GOD's counsel (*1Chr 21:1-6*)
- he mourned for a rebellious son at the expense of those who supported him (*2Sam 19:1-7*)

## **SELECTED VERSE FOR MEDITATION**

*And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? [42] Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. Luke 6:41-42 [KJV]*