

THE TROUBLE WITH TRANSCENDENCE

INTRO: *The Psalms were Israel's inspired hymnal. We don't know the tunes to which they were sung, but like any worship song, the words are the most important feature. Psalm 10 expresses a frequent theme in the Psalter; evil's triumph over good in God's apparent absence.*

I. God's _____ can make Him appear _____.

This characteristic of God is especially problematic when bad things happen and our prayers for relief appear to receive no answer.

II. God's perceived _____ compels the _____ to _____ but emboldens the _____ to _____

*(1-15). The **Righteous** and the **Wicked** are broad categories of people in the Old Testament. They contrast acknowledgement of and commitment to God's revelation.*

III. When the Wicked _____ and God appears _____, rest in God's _____

and _____ (16-18). *The psalmist closes his hymn with an expression of confidence.*

A. _____ (16).

Cf. Psalm 72:11; Daniel 4:32.

B. _____ (17-18).

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