

**MUSIC TO MY EARS - PSALMS 2010**

**As If There Is No God – Psalm 10  
Chuck Larsen, April 18, 2010**

**Vs 1** Why, O Lord, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

**THE PRACTICAL ATHEIST**

**1. IS \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Vs 2-4 (NIV)** In his **arrogance** the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises. He **boasts** of the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord. In his **pride** the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

**2. IS \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Vs 5 (NIV)** His ways are always prosperous; he is haughty and your laws are far from him; he sneers at all his enemies.

**3. HAS A SENSE OF \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Vs 6 (NIV)** He says to himself, Nothing will shake me; I'll always be happy and never have trouble."

**4. USES COARSE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Vs 7 (NIV)** His mouth is full of curses and lies and threats; trouble and evil are under his tongue.

**5. RESORTS TO \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Vs 8-10 (NIV)** He lies in wait near the villages; from ambush he murders the innocent, watching in secret for his victims. He lies in wait like a lion in cover; he lies in wait to catch the helpless; he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net. His victims are crushed, they collapse; they fall under his strength.

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**6. LIVES AS IF THERE IS \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Vs 11 (NIV)** He says to himself, God has forgotten; he covers his face and never sees.

**HOW THE GODLY PERSON SHOULD RESPOND**

**1. PRAY FOR GOD TO \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Vs 12-13 (NIV)** Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless. Why does the wicked man revile God? Why does he say to himself, He won't call me to account?

**2. RECOGNIZE GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Vs 14-15 (NIV)** But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to you; you are the helper of the fatherless. Break the arm of the wicked and evil man; call him to account for his wickedness that would not be found out.

**3. TRUST GOD TO BRING \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Vs 16-18 (NIV)** The Lord is King forever and ever; the nations will perish from his land. You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more.

