

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.

