

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

www.crbiblebaptist.com
Independent, Dispensational, Evangelistic, Missionary
5037 Center Pt. Rd. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Pastor Randall Vartabedian 319-393-4638

07.02.2023 JLS

Psalm 10:1 – Why standest thou afar off, O Lord? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

Have you ever wondered where God was when you were going through trouble? Or, have wondered why God doesn't act to stop the wickedness in this world? You are not alone. The Psalmist asked the Lord the same thing – Why?

Many people now days have chosen to deny the existence of God due to his perceived lack of action or response on their behalf. Rather than think of themselves as part of sin-cursed human race, they think of themselves as all important, and if God didn't answer their prayer when they needed him, then he must not exist. Or if he does exist, he didn't do them right, so they are angry with him.

The Psalmist never denied the existence of God, but he did ask him why? Why aren't you responding? Why aren't you doing something about this trouble and about this wickedness? I believe the Bible answers these questions, and here are a few thoughts to consider:

1. God will judge the wicked and the world (Psalm 9:7-8; Revelation 20:9-20)
2. God's judgment is eternal (Jude 7)
3. God is not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9)
4. God gives the wicked time to repent (Revelation 2:21; 2 Chronicles 33:1-20)
5. In the meantime, sin and suffering continues for all (Romans 8:22)
6. But, one day, if you are on God's side, he will wipe away all your tears (Revelation 21:1-5; Joel 2:25)

The Psalmist says in Psalm 73:16-17, "When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end." Don't give up on God just because you don't understand what he is doing or why. Draw closer to him and he will give you understanding. Life is hard and will continue to be hard until the Lord fixes everything. In the meantime, let us all love and help one another.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

Hebrews 10:25 – Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.

"REMOVING THE RUBBISH" Nehemiah 4:10

Webster's Dictionary – Rubbish: 1: useless or rejected matter: TRASH 2: something that is worthless or nonsensical

I. The Dilemma (problem) of Rubbish (v.10)

II. The Deluge (abundance) of Rubbish (v.10)

III. The Disposal of Rubbish (v.10)

Tonight at 5:00 "The Second Coming of Christ"

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation

Wed. at 7:00 Bible study & Prayer

July 9 at 6:00 Meetings with Brother Pilkington begin

Missionary of the week: Pizzo – Israel