

Series: When God Seems Far Away  
**#1 Forget Not the Humble**  
**Psalm 10:12**  
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Thesis: I want to remind us all that God has not forgotten the humble.

- Intro:
1. *Why do You stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide in times of trouble? (Ps 10:1)*
  2. Many of us may have felt this way at times. It may seem that God stands afar off in times of trouble.
  3. Is this really the case? Has God forgotten the humble while the wicked prospers? **(Ps 7:9c)**

- I. **(Psalm 10:2-4)** The wicked are uncontent and proud.
  - A. The wicked behave as if they can do whatever they want **(Ps 10:3)**
    1. Their arrogance and their pride blinds them to their sin.
    2. They bless others like them while at the same time they renounce or despise God.
    3. It's easy for many in this world to believe they do not need God and that this world has all they really need...and want.
  - B. They seek only their selfish desires
    1. They do not seek God **(v.4)**.
    2. We have been warned **(Phil 3:18-19, Ps 7:11)**
- II. **(Psalm 10:5-6)** The wicked believes he is in control and cannot be moved or harmed.
  - A. Prosperity doesn't mean we are right with God **(Ecc 8:11)**
    1. Because God is longsuffering many think they have done no wrong.
    2. God's longsuffering will one day come to an end.
  - B. The wicked think God does not see them or that He doesn't care about their actions **(Ps 10:11,13)**
    1. God is always watching and listening. This doesn't mean He will not act.
    2. Often times many think the wicked go unpunished when in reality all will judged.
    3. **(Ps 10:8-10)** We see the wicked persons actions and though they may succeed at the moment God will require an account of them.
- III. **(Psalm 10:14-17)** God has heard the desire of the humble **(Ps 9:9-10)**.
  - A. We are not alone in this life **(Ps 7:10)**.
    1. God will either provide a way of escape or grant us strength to endure the times when the wicked seem to prosper **(1 Cor 10:13, Ps 9:12b)**
    2. God is always there and always watching. He is righteous and all knowing and He will judge all. Thus, the wicked will be repaid for their evil deeds.
  - B. God will act and we will be safe **(Rom 8:18, Ps 9:3-5, 12a, 15-17)**.
    1. David knows God has heard and will act upon the wicked **(Ps 10:14-15)**.
    2. We must trust in God in times when even the wicked seem to prosper. With God we know He will act and His response will be swift and with justice.

- Conc: 1. The day of the Lord WILL come and the wicked WILL NOT escape (**2 Peter 3:8-10**, **Ps 7:12-17**).
2. We should not confuse God's longsuffering as if He is afar off from us (**James 4:8a**).
  3. Full Invitation