

Sermon Title: Psalms: From the Heart, Part X 1.11.2026

Theme: The timeless battle between good and evil and the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at trinitycg.org.

Weekly Question: How do you stay close to God?

Sermon Points:

1. God can handle our honest lament. Psalm 10 addresses the wicked among the people of God. We must pay attention to those who oppose Christ and His Church in the world and those who don't truly follow Christ within the Church. Evil people eventually deny God's existence, or at least His holy demand for justice, so they can ambush the innocent and oppress the powerless for personal gain. Do not despair and lose hope. Be firmly rooted in Scripture with the clear understanding that our God is sovereign and will vindicate the Gospel of Christ with Satan's ultimate defeat. Lessons from **Psalm 10**.

2. Pride is the signature sin of the wicked. The problem isn't ignorance, it's arrogance. The wicked live as practical atheists. Pride may not always deny God out loud, but it does live as if accountability will never come. Pride precedes collapse, but humility positions us under the Lord's protection.

3. God sees what the oppressor hides. God doesn't miss a tear, a scheme, or a cry whispered in the dark. Delay is not denial. God's justice is never late, it's deliberate.

4. The helpless are never hopeless. The helpless aren't abandoned. God positions Himself as Defender, Father, and Advocate. When you have no leverage left, you still have the Lord. He is more than enough.

5. God's Kingdom outlasts kings. Eternity outlasts emperors. History may seem chaotic and random, but it's curated by a sovereign King who always gets the final word. Earthly power is temporary; divine authority is eternal. Love wins, even when evil seems to have the upper hand.

Matthew 27:15–26. Here are five lessons from the human experience: 1. Authority without humility is dangerous. The religious elite weren't defending *God's holiness*, they were defending *their status*. Envy often masquerades as righteousness. When leaders fear losing influence more than they fear God, truth becomes expendable. 2. Anger is easily manipulated. Crowds don't *think*, they *react*. Those who once marveled at Jesus' incredible miracles now shouted for His cruel death. Emotion untethered from truth becomes a weapon. Passion without discernment turns sincere people into unthinking zealots of injustice. 3. A mob mentality blinds people to their own sin. The crowd saw sin everywhere, except in themselves. Collective outrage gives the illusion of moral superiority while obscuring personal guilt. It's easier to condemn the Messiah before multitudes than for a sinner to confront himself in the mirror. 4. Political expediency silences moral courage. Pilate knew better than to condemn Jesus, but expediency won. He wanted to outsource responsibility to the angry crowd and religious zealots, but truth doesn't transfer guilt that easily. 5. God's redemptive plan advances despite our sin. What looked like chaos and defeat was the corridor of redemption and victory. Rebellion didn't derail God's purpose, it fulfilled it. Even when humanity is at its worst, God still saves. Jesus was crucified but He was victorious. Psalm 10 and Matthew 27:15–26 call us to examine our own heart, not merely to be content to condemn others. The *other* is not always *them*. Sometimes *they* are *us*, especially when pride, fear, and anger override humility, hope, and peace. God sees, God hears, God acts, and God reigns. When the wicked boast, God keeps the books. When the world reviles, God saves the receipts. Hold on. God wins.

Reflection: Lord, give me the wisdom and commitment to see Your way ahead and to walk Your way forward.