

When God Hides Himself

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[0:00] The 5th of May, when God hides himself. Psalm 10, 1. Why, O Lord, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

These words form a cry from the heart that has been echoed by many distressed Christian people over the years. O Lord, where are you when I need you most?

Does God really hide himself from us and leave us to face the toughest times of our lives by ourselves? The answer to that question is an emphatic no.

God has promised never to leave us or forsake us. But there are times when we may feel the force of persecution or times when things just seem to go wrong for us and we become depressed.

These are times when we need to persist in our prayers that God will help us and make us know that he is helping us. One famous hymn has helpful verses which go like this.

[1:03] You fearful saints fresh courage take
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and will break
In blessings on your head
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense
But trust him for his grace
Behind frowning providence
He hides a smiling face
William Copper
And a prayer
Dear Lord
Help me to trust you
Even when I cannot see you
Amen