

# Psalms 10:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above  
out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

## Analysis

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The Hebrew describes the wicked man's ways as 'secure' or 'firm' (halaq), showing the temporal prosperity of sinners that troubled many psalmists. God's judgments are 'too high' (marom), illustrating spiritual blindness—the unregenerate cannot perceive divine truth (1 Corinthians 2:14). The Reformed doctrine of total depravity explains this inability to see God's ways.

## Historical Context

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Written during a period when the wicked enjoyed prosperity while the righteous suffered, a tension addressed throughout Wisdom literature (Job, Ecclesiastes).

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How do you reconcile the apparent success of the wicked with God's justice?

2. What does spiritual blindness teach about humanity's need for regeneration?

## Interlinear Text

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מִן־מִנְגִּיד וְ	מִן־שְׁפָטֶיךָ	מָרֹם	עַתָּה	בְּכָל־	דְּרָכְךָ וְ	יְהוָה יִלֹּא
	<b>thy judgments</b>	<b>are far above</b>	<b>are always</b>		<b>His ways</b>	<b>grievous</b>
	H4941	H4791	H6256		H1870	H2342
בָּהֶם:	יִפּוּ יְהוָה		צַו וְכָל־	כָּל־		
	<b>he puffeth</b>		<b>out of his sight as for all his enemies</b>			
H0	H6315		H6887			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 26:11** (Parallel theme): LORD, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

**Psalms 12:5** (Parallel theme): For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.