

# Psalm 42:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me;  
while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

## Analysis

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The enemy's reproach is 'as with a sword in my bones'--the taunt 'Where is thy God?' inflicts wounds as deep as physical attack. The repetition of this mocking question (from verse 3) emphasizes its continual, piercing nature. Spiritual mockery wounds more deeply than physical assault.

## Historical Context

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The metaphor of words as swords appears throughout wisdom literature. Proverbs 12:18 notes that 'there is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword.' The psalmist's enemies understood that theological mockery wounded the devout most deeply.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. Why does mockery of our faith wound more deeply than other attacks?
2. How should we respond when others use our suffering as evidence against our God?

## Interlinear Text

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אֵל	בְּאַמְּרָכָה	מִ	צָרָכִי	בְּעִצְמֹתִי	חֶרֶף	וְנִי	בְּעִצְמֹתִי	בְּכָךְ	צָחָן
As with a sword	in my bones		mine enemies	me while they say					
H7524	H6106	H2778	H6887	H559					H413
אַל-קָיְםָן									
אֵין	הַ	בְּ	וּ	מִ	כָּל	אֵין	הַ	בְּ	וּ
H3605		H346		H430		unto me	Where is thy God		
daily									
H3117									

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 42:3** (References God): My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

**Joel 2:17** (References God): Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

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