

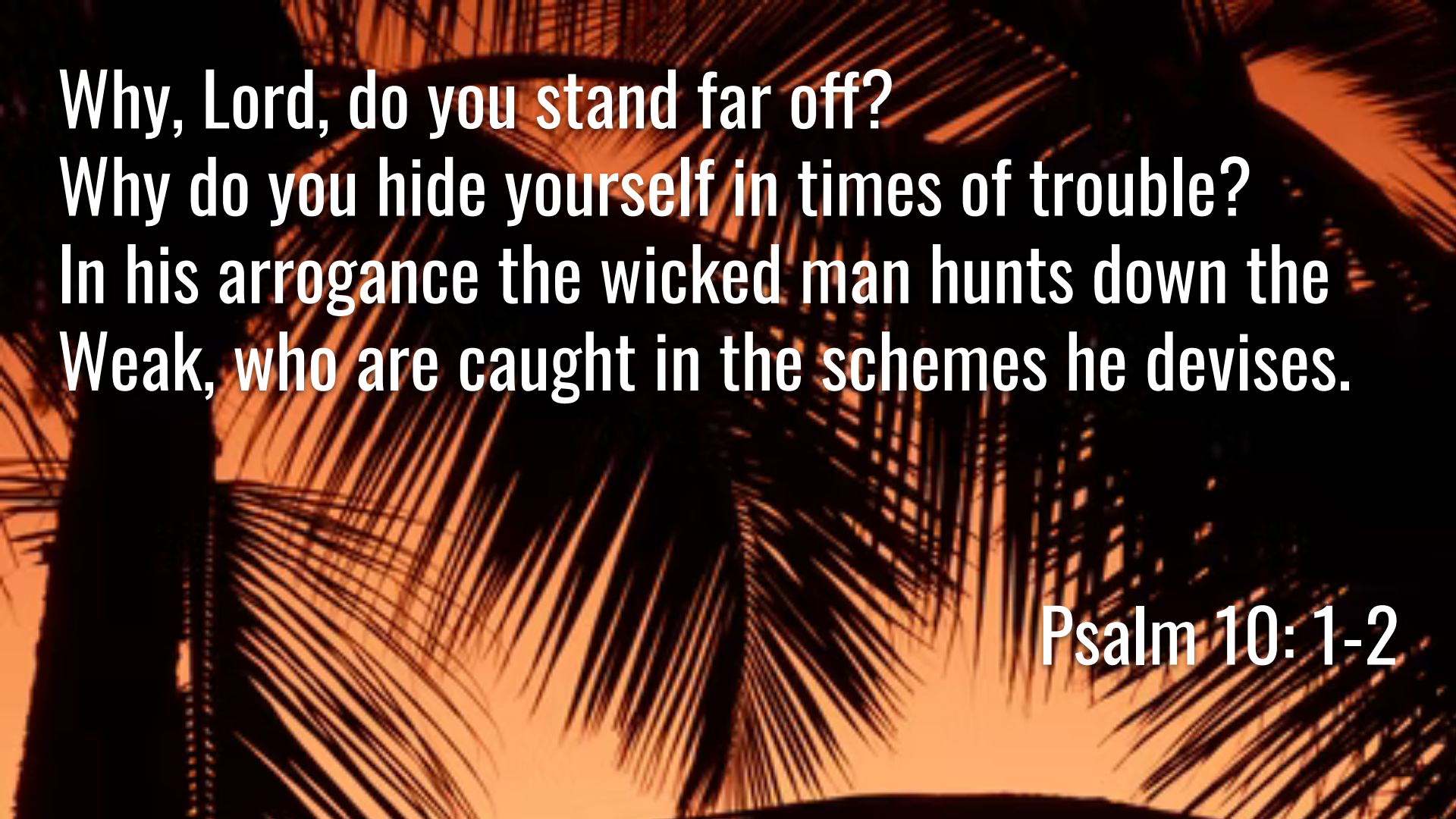


*Psalms of  
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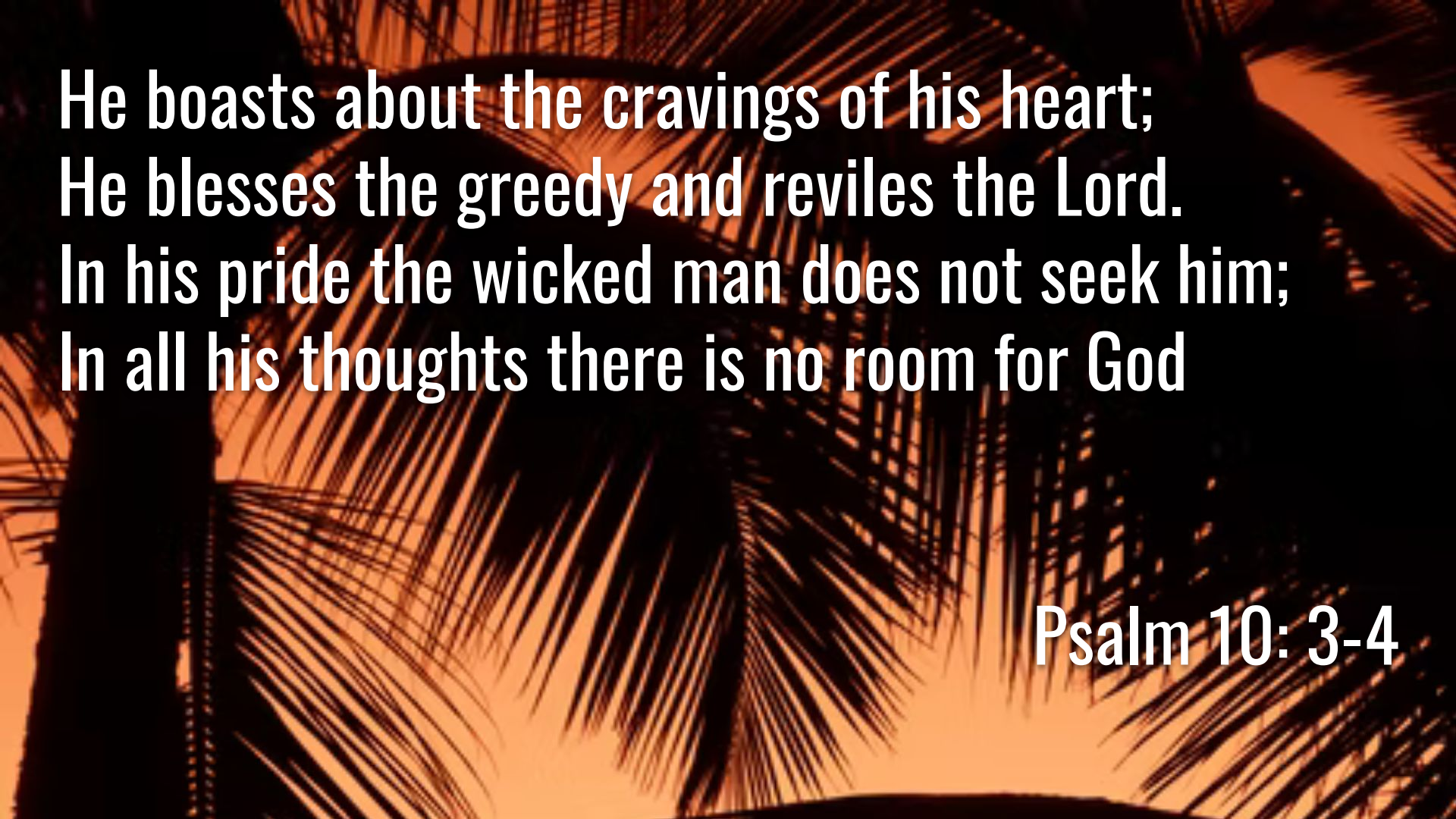
MAIN POINT

**God stands up to bullies**



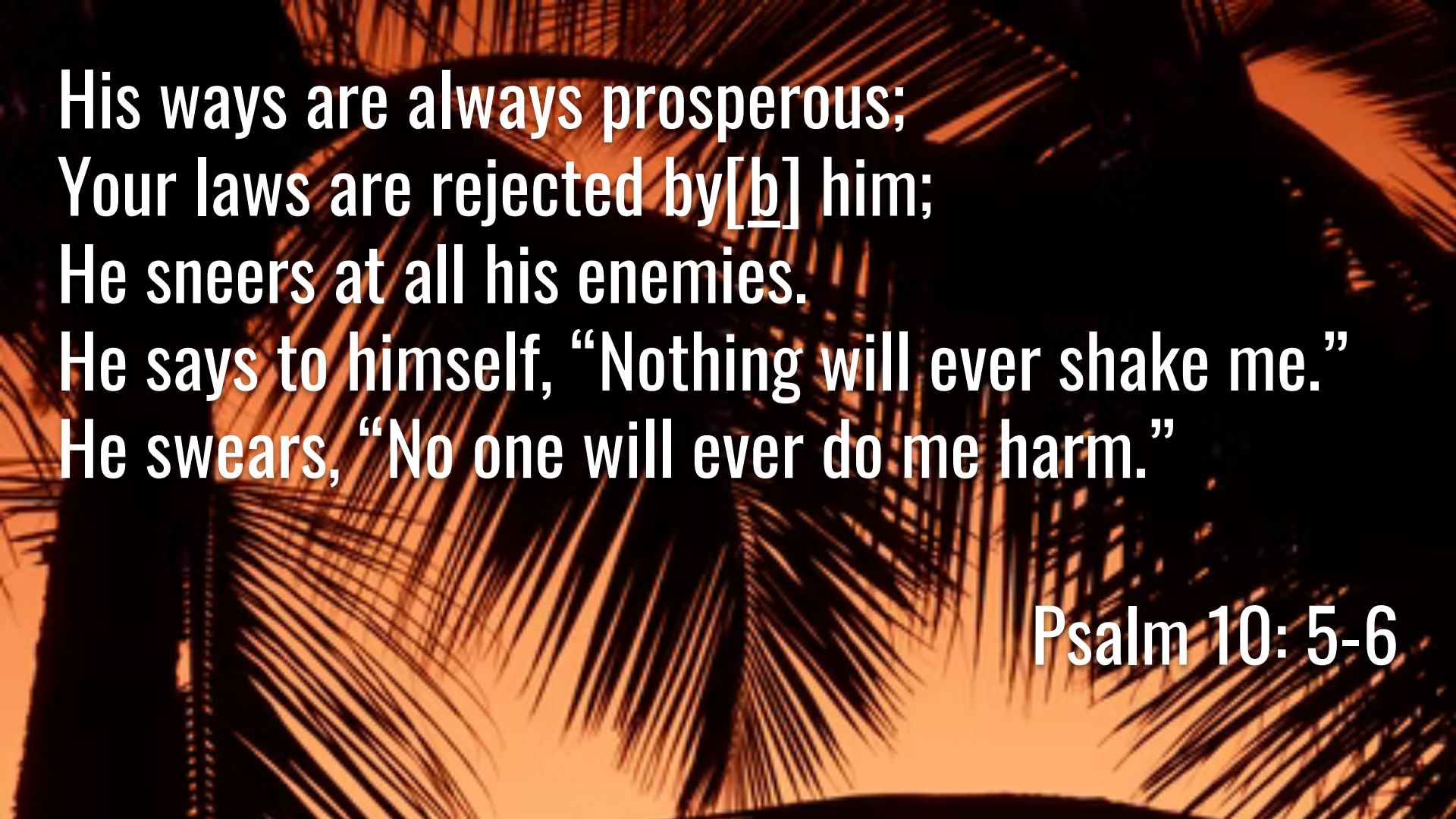
**Why, Lord, do you stand far off?  
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?  
In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the  
Weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises.**

**Psalm 10: 1-2**

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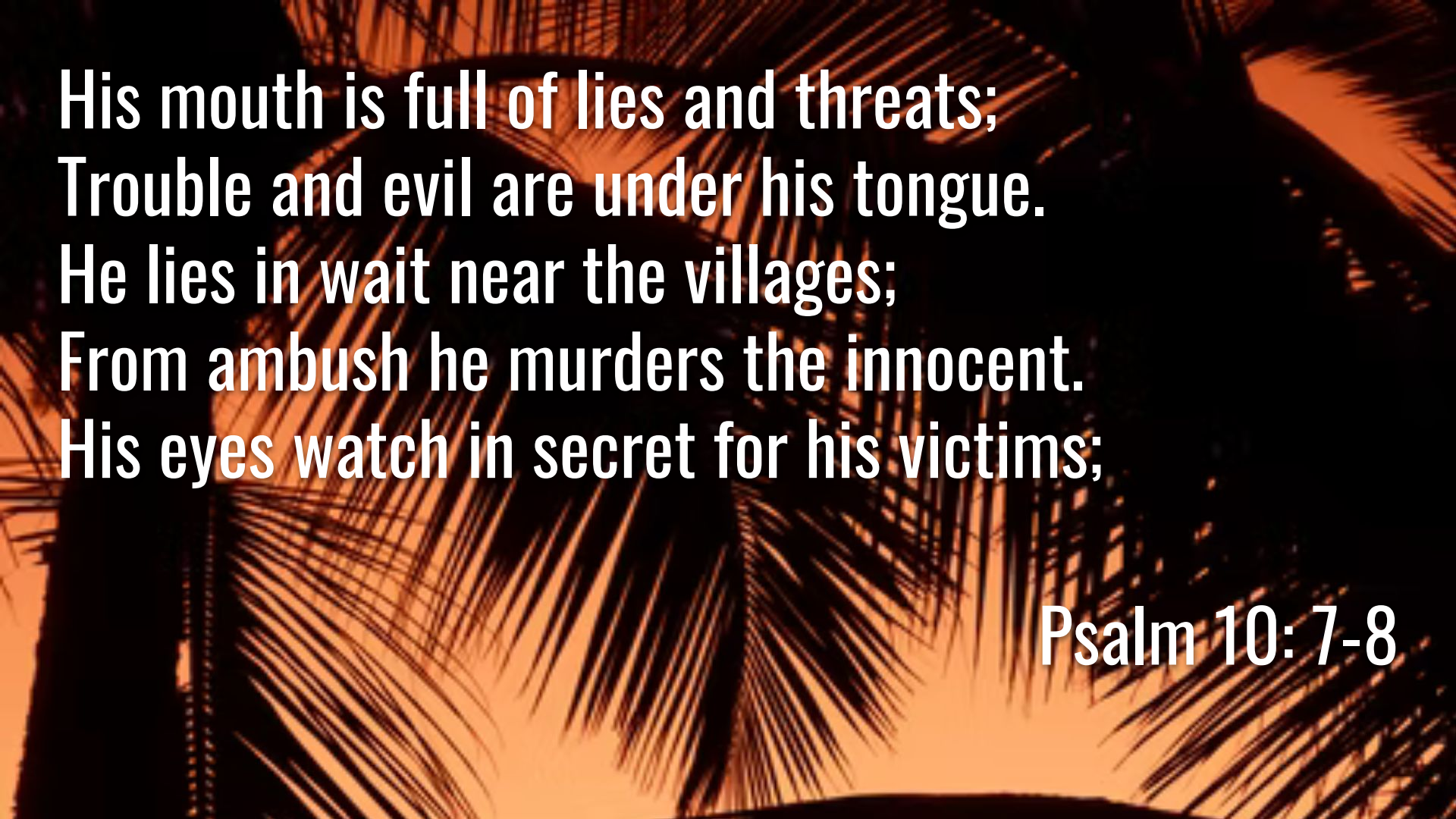
**He boasts about the cravings of his heart;  
He blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord.  
In his pride the wicked man does not seek him;  
In all his thoughts there is no room for God**

**Psalm 10: 3-4**



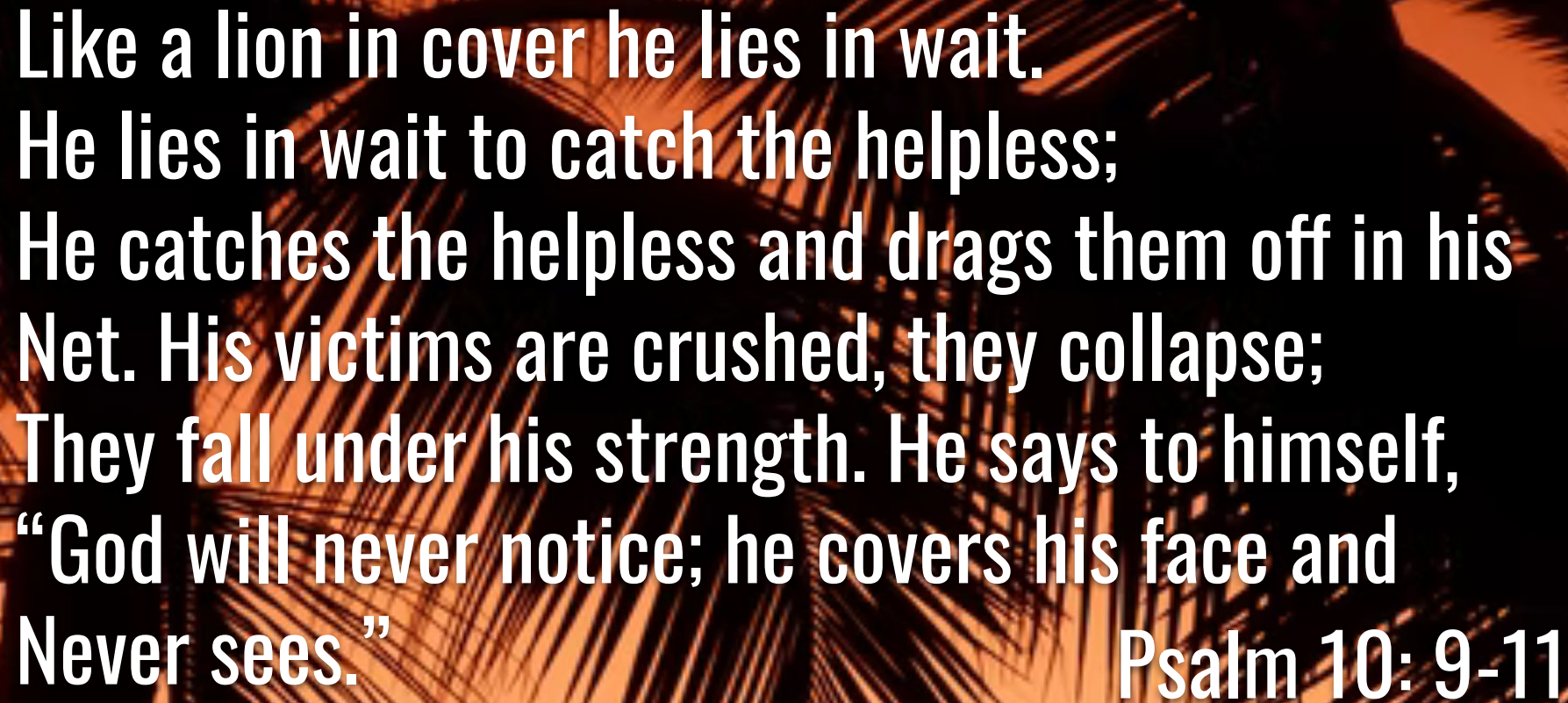
His ways are always prosperous;  
Your laws are rejected by b him;  
He sneers at all his enemies.  
He says to himself, “Nothing will ever shake me.”  
He swears, “No one will ever do me harm.”

Psalm 10: 5-6



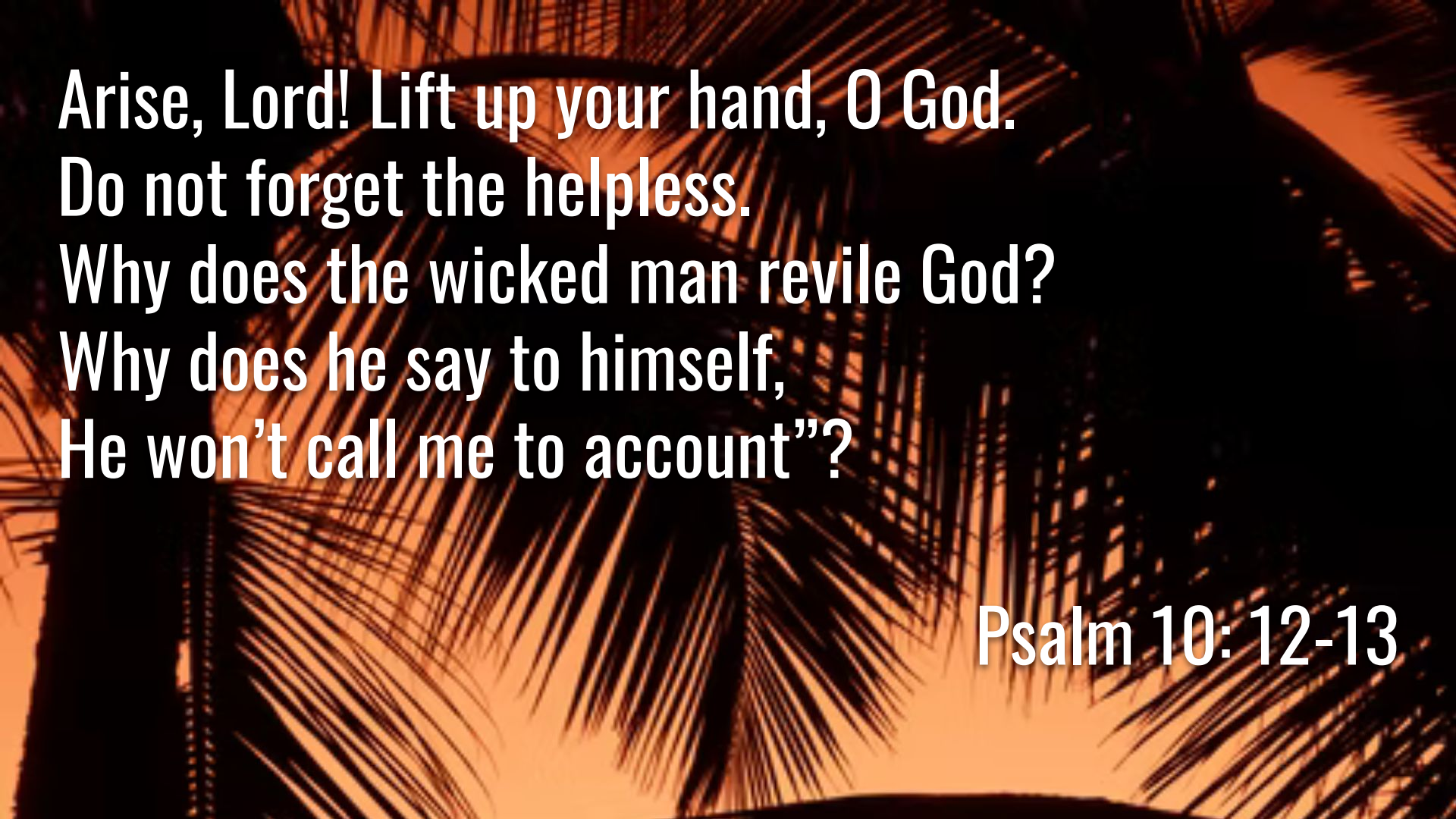
His mouth is full of lies and threats;  
Trouble and evil are under his tongue.  
He lies in wait near the villages;  
From ambush he murders the innocent.  
His eyes watch in secret for his victims;

Psalm 10: 7-8



**Like a lion in cover he lies in wait.  
He lies in wait to catch the helpless;  
He catches the helpless and drags them off in his  
Net. His victims are crushed, they collapse;  
They fall under his strength. He says to himself,  
“God will never notice; he covers his face and  
Never sees.”**

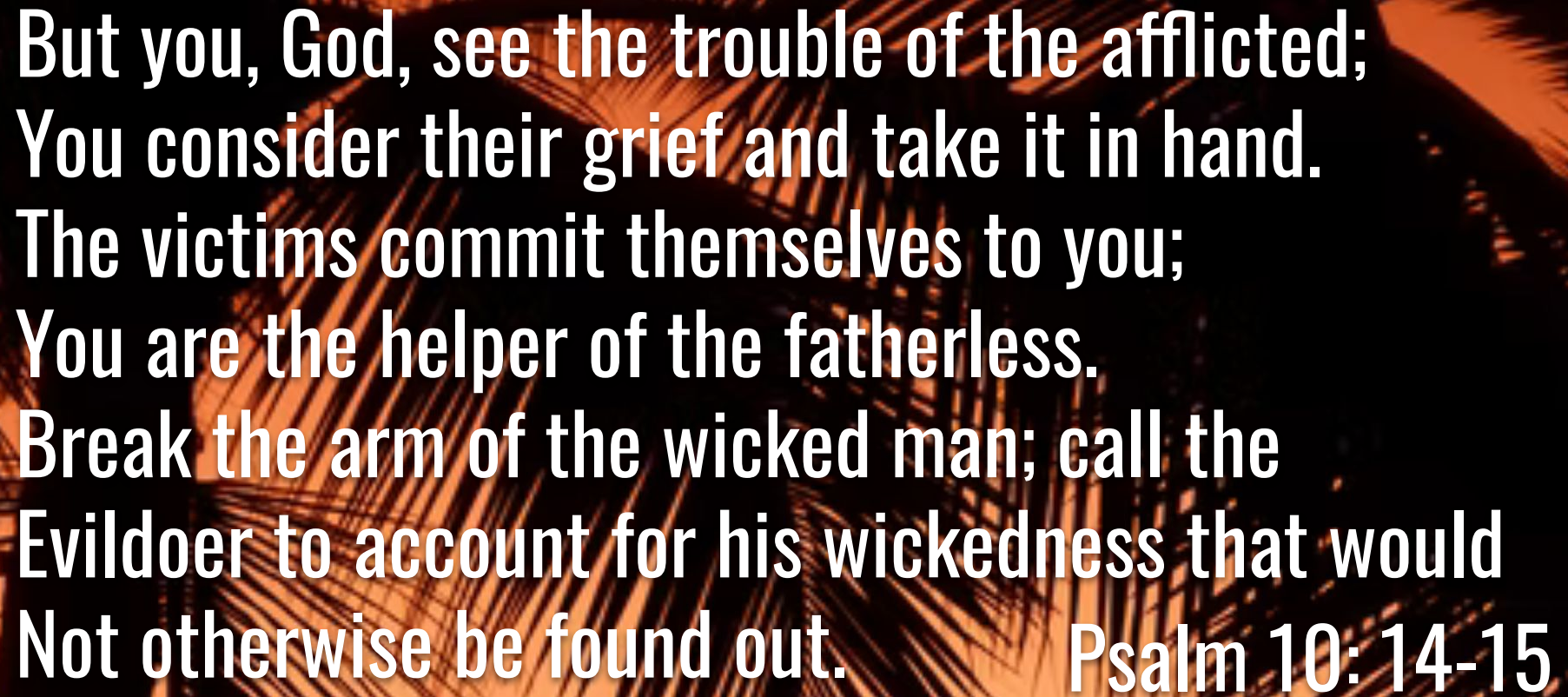
**Psalm 10: 9-11**



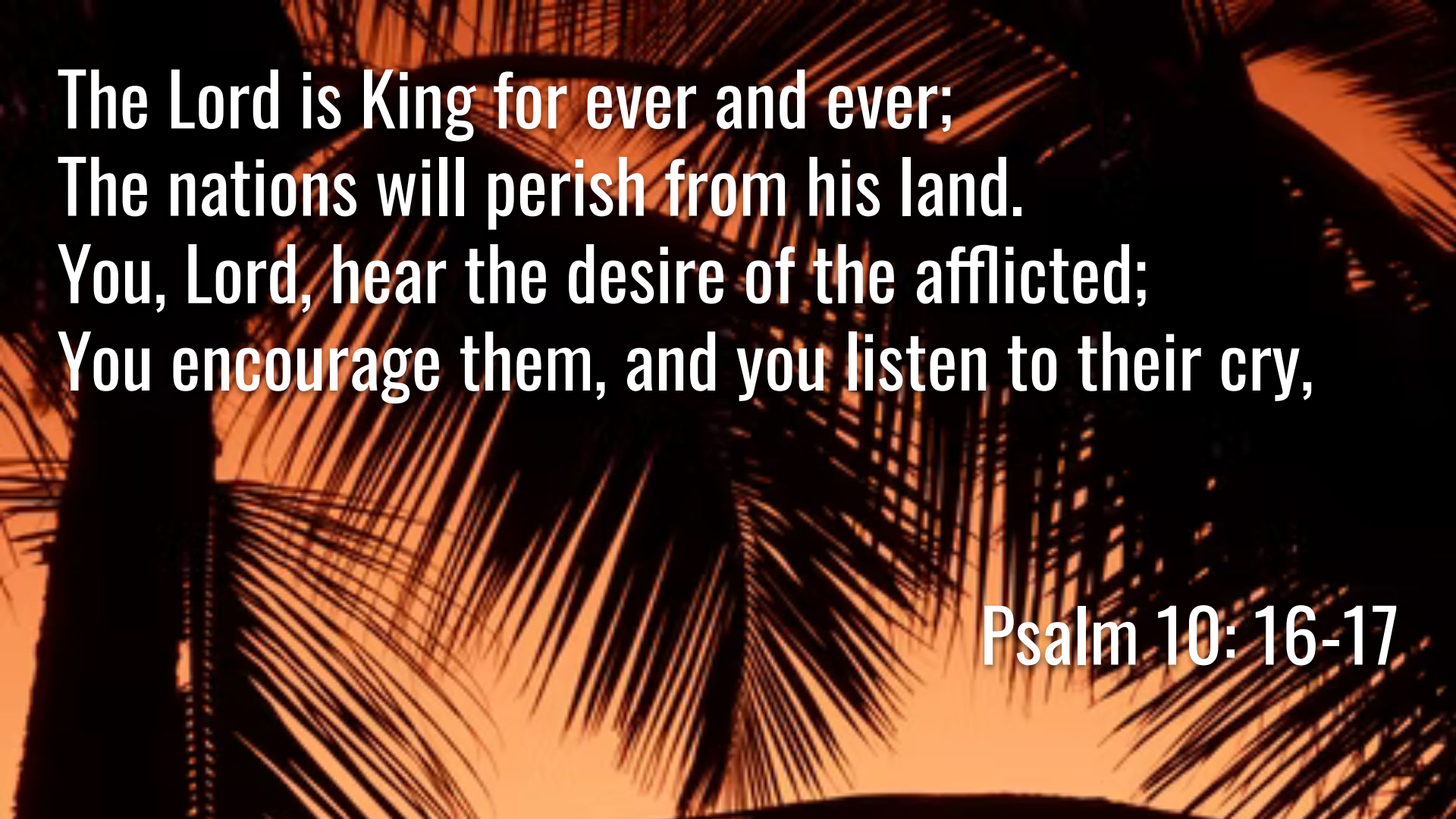
**Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God.  
Do not forget the helpless.  
Why does the wicked man revile God?  
Why does he say to himself,  
He won't call me to account"?**

**Psalm 10: 12-13**





**But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted;  
You consider their grief and take it in hand.  
The victims commit themselves to you;  
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Break the arm of the wicked man; call the  
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Not otherwise be found out. Psalm 10: 14-15**



**The Lord is King for ever and ever;  
The nations will perish from his land.  
You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted;  
You encourage them, and you listen to their cry,**

**Psalm 10: 16-17**



**Defending the fatherless and the oppressed,  
So that mere earthly mortals  
Will never again strike terror.**

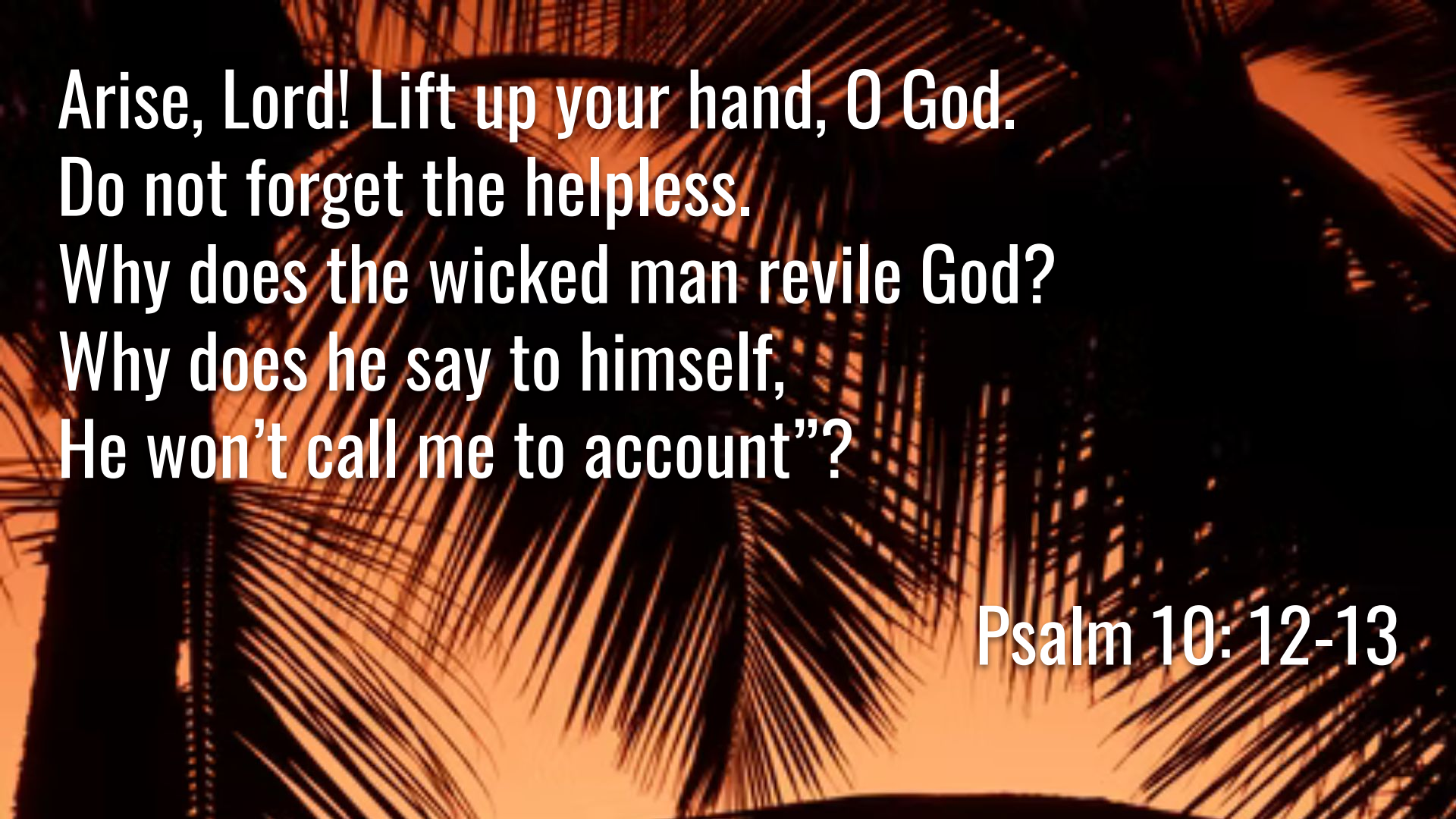
**Psalm 10: 18**

# Part 1: The Bully

- ★ Arrogant
- ★ Winner
- ★ Violent

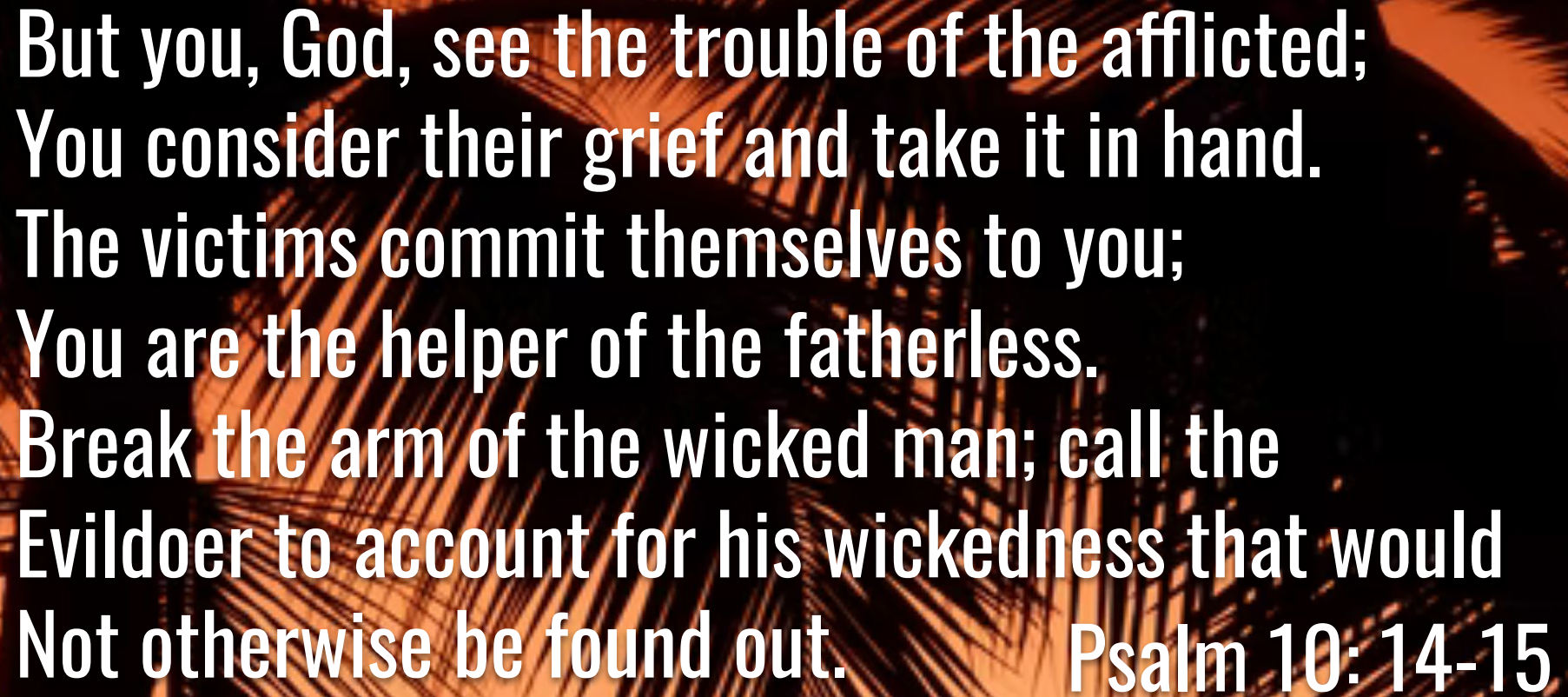
# Part 1: The Bully - The Problem

- ★ Are the claims true?
- ★ Our beliefs clash with reality
- ★ We want to jump into action



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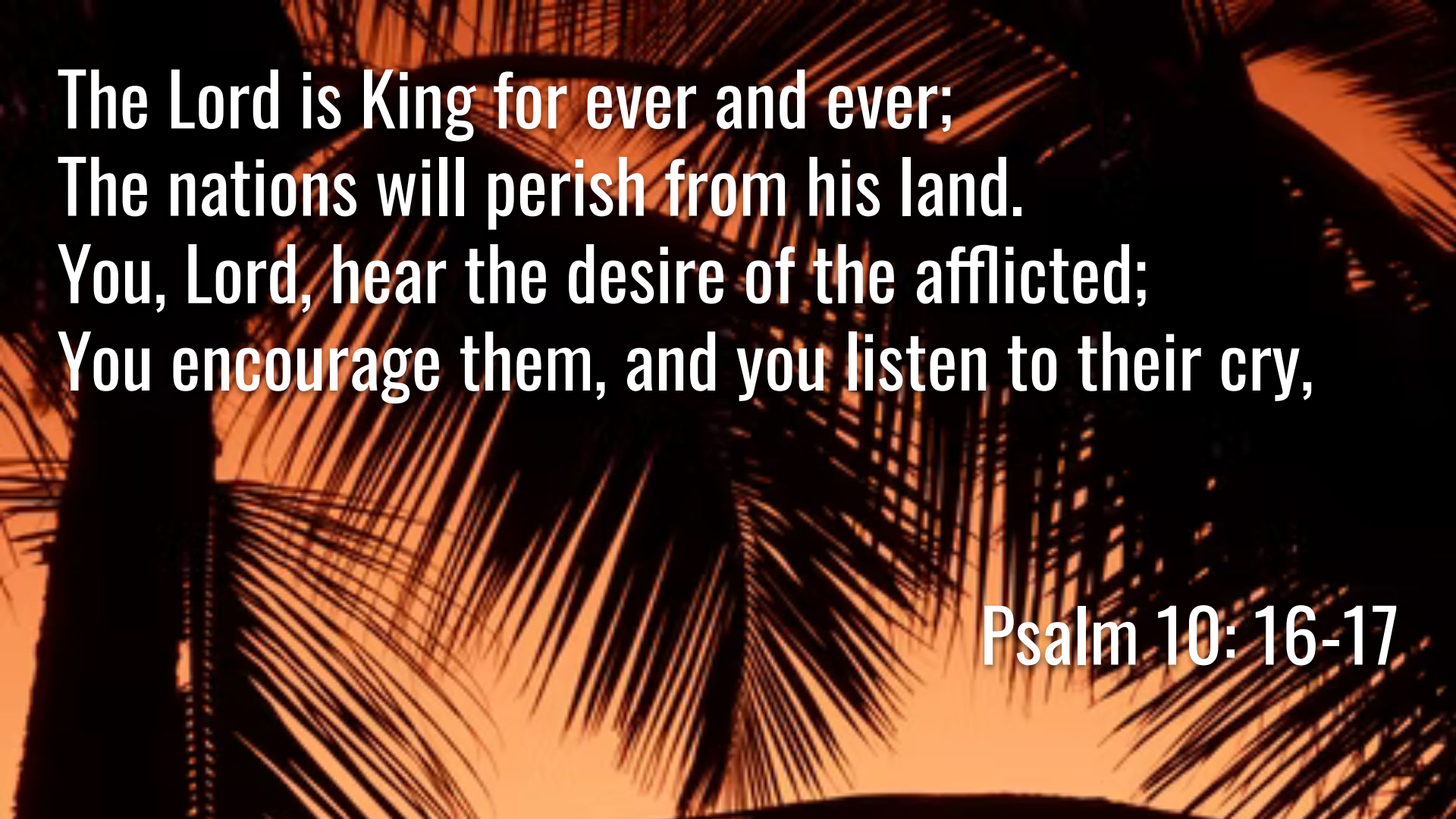
## Part 2: The Response

- ★ David asks God to intercede
- ★ David remembers God always hears
- ★ David asks God to deal with the bully



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- ★ Don't ignore those who are weak
- ★ Have confidence that God hears and sees
- ★ Let God decide how to deal with the bully



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## Part 3: Confidence

- ★ God is the eternal King
- ★ God hears, encourages, and listens
- ★ God defends those who cannot defend themselves

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- ★ Trust God's timing
- ★ Trust that God hears and sees
- ★ Trust that God will defend the weak
- ★ Trust that God wins in the end

## Closing

- ★ Be aware
- ★ Ask God to help
- ★ God will beat the bully and champion the weak