How To Live in a Broken World

Ken Chapman · Psalm 10

INTRODUCTION

- What do we do? About the sadness and the evil in our world.
- What's the response of a child of God when we live in such a broken world?
- And this psalm that was written so many years ago could have been written this Thursday.

1 Get Angry and Cry

Psalm 78:56–59; Nehemiah 13:25; Ezekiel 9:4

- There is the such thing as righteous indignation.
- How does God feel about it? God is angry. That tells me it's okay for me to be angry.
- Now we would add to this the warning label that Peter gave, in your anger do not sin. But it's okay to be upset. It's okay to cry over these things.
- Put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within you.
- But I want you to remember that when you're angry and when that you're weeping, God sees that.
- Save some tears for your own sin. Save some anger for your own unrighteousness.

2 Look Up and Remember and Hope

Romans 11:1–5; Romans 8:20–25

- I've reserved for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.
- Remember that when you were angry and you were crying over the wickedness, that you weren't the only one.
- Remember, there's good people. It's easy to focus on the negative.
- Turn those things off. And get out your church directory. And just flip through it. And remind yourself that it's not all bad.
- We were saved in this hope, Paul says. And in this hope we persevere.
- Maybe these horrible tragedies remind us of the groaning of this creation.

3 We Pray and We Believe

Romans 8:26–27

- But the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered.
- And Paul says to pray. Even when you don't know what to say. Pray.
- That on days like Wednesday and all of the other Wednesdays of our life, that God wants to hear from us.
- But that prayer, James would have us to know, must be mixed with faith.
- We believe that death is not the end for the child of God.

- We believe that God is as brokenhearted and as grieved by the wickedness of this world as we are.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Don't forget that we're saved in this hope. And this hope should cause us to persevere. And don't forget to pray.**

MY NOTES