Arise, O Lord

Psalm 10

- I. Goma
 - A. Latest phase in the "Second Congo War"
 - B. M23 Rebellion
 - C. Goma
 - D. What do we do?
 - E. The cry: why does God not help? (Psalm 10:1)
- II. The wicked and their doings (2-11)
 - A. The victims of the wicked: "the poor" (2)
 - B. The motives of the wicked: pleasure and gain (3; see 1 John 2:16)
 - C. The attitude of the wicked (3-6)
 - D. The speech of the wicked (7)
 - E. The actions of the wicked (8-11)
- III. Prayer: "Arise! Lift up! Forget not!" (12-15)
 - A. Arise to fight, to take your throne, to judge
 - B. Lift up your hand fight or swear an oath, promising mercy or promising judgment (2 Samuel 20:21; Ezekiel 20:5-6, 15; 44:12; Psalm 106:26; 134:2)
 - C. Forget not do not neglect them and let them die!
 - D. The Lord does see, and knows the suffering of the vulnerable. (Exodus 2:23-25; Psalm 46:9; Isaiah 2:4)
- IV. The controlling reality for all Christians: the Lord rules forever. (16-18)
 - A. Because he is Creator
 - B. Even more, because of Jesus Christ's accomplished rule
 - C. What can man, who is merely of the earth, do in the face of God's rule?
- V. The blood of Abel and the blood of Jesus.
 - A. Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-16)
 - B. "Though he died, he still speaks." (Hebrews 11:4 with Matthew 23:35; Genesis 9:6; Exodus 12:13)
 - C. With the best will in the world, mankind cannot carry out true justice
 - D. The spiral of violence
 - E. "A better word than the blood of Abel" (Hebrews 12:24; Psalm 130:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- VI. Listening to the better word (see Romans 3:9-19; James 4:1)