Psalm 36

Joshua Creel · Psalm 36:1–12 · Series: **Psalms**

INTRODUCTION

- I hope that our examination of Psalm 36 this morning will help us to appreciate exactly why it is that we praise Him for who He is.
- It is really a short story, if you will, encapsulated in these short 12 verses, where three characters are described.
- I simply call it the wicked, the Lord, and the believer.

1 The Wicked: The Oracle of Transgression

Psalm 36:1–4; Genesis 4:7; Romans 6

- Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart. There is no fear of God before his eyes.
- The psalmist is proclaiming that the wicked has a God. But the problem is that the wicked's God is not Jehovah God.
- It is the oracle of transgression that this wicked person has in his heart.
- Having dispensed with the fear of God, which was the foundation of wisdom, he had become a moral cripple.
- In these two verses that you have active wickedness and you have passive wickedness.
- Either we are slaves of God or we are slaves to sin. You have to choose which one you will serve.

2 The Lord: Your Steadfast Love, O Lord

Psalm 36:5–9; Revelation 22:1–5; John 7:37–38

- Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds, your righteousness is like the mountains of God.
- All these things are to further describe one central aspect of God, and that is his loving kindness or his steadfast love or his mercy.
- If there was a term to describe what we would think of as grace in the New Testament, that is the term that is used throughout the Old Testament.
- We can't fully understand it. We can't fully comprehend his great love for us.
- This great God, whose loving kindness extends to the heavens, is right there for us, longing to bless us.
- For with you is the fountain of life. In your light do we see light.

3 The Believer: The Prayer of the Believer

Psalm 36:10–12

- O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart.
- Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
- Where is our safety? Where is our protection? In the loving kindness of God.

- Our confidence and our assurance for the protection that we need is from God and him alone.
- We can have the assurance that ultimately the wicked will not prevail.
- There the evildoers lie fallen. They are thrust down, unable to rise.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **But you've got to choose who's going to be your God. Is it going to be this life? Is it going to be transgression? Is that what's going to speak to you? Or will it be God and Him alone who speaks to you?**

MY NOTES