# Psalms 36-38 (Week 13)

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## 1 Man's Wickedness and God's Perfections

- There is no fear of God before his eyes, for he flatters himself in his own eyes.
- Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- How precious is your loving kindness, O God. Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of your wings.
- Heavens and clouds are used to indicate the extent of God's mercy and faithfulness.
- There is no limit to the mercy of God on his part. Man limits it by his refusal to meet the terms in which divine mercy is offered.

## 2 The Heritage of the Righteous and Calamity of the Wicked

**Matthew 5; 2 Peter 3**

- Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.
- Delight yourself also in the Lord, and he shall give you the desires of your heart.
- Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him.
- But the meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
- I have been young and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread.
- To wait upon the Lord means to trust and obey him. Those who do so shall inherit the earth, as the New Testament also teaches in Matthew five and second Peter three.

## 3 Prayer in Time of Chastening

- O Lord, do not rebuke me in your wrath, nor chasten me in your hot displeasure.
- For my iniquities have gone over my head like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
- For in you, O Lord I hope. You will hear, O Lord my God.
- Do not forsake me, O Lord. O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me. O Lord, my salvation.
- He believed that one's faithfulness to God needed to be tested in order to fortify him against his natural tendency to sin.
- That test at times was so severe that he described it figuratively by its effect on his body.

MY NOTES