

Psalms Chapter 036 Commentary

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD.

Ps 36:1 "The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes."

How is it that the transgression of the wicked say to David's heart, There is no fear of God before his (the wicked's) eyes? Because David is indwelt with the Holy Spirit of God, therefore, David is able to discern right from wrong. This discernment speaks to the heart of David, for David knows the way of the Lord, and David told us in *Ps 14:1 "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."*

We are also told in *Pr 1:7 ¶ "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."* Wherefore, we understand, those who have not been given godly knowledge, cannot have the fear of the Lord in themselves.

Wherefore, as we look upon those who are transgressing the way of the Lord, we understand that they have no fear of God in their hearts. Because we are told in *Mt 12:33 "Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit."* We know, if one has the fear of God in their hearts by the fruit they bear.

2 "For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful. 3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good. 4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil."

"*He flattereth himself*" is directly opposite of what God's people are told to do in *Pr 27:2 ¶ "Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips."* The dead and alienated sinner sees his own self as self-righteous. He will continue to do evil, until it is so bad that even the world of humanity around him will condemn his ways.

Thus, we see unregenerate mankind doing that which is right in his own eyes and ignoring that which is right in the sight of God. Remember that Adam and Eve ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, so no man has any excuse for sinning, because he has an inherited nature that has knowledge of both good and evil.

"*He deviseth mischief upon his bed;*" This sinner has become so hardened in his heart that he lies awake at night scheming his next ungodly deed. Satan has so deceived his heart and mind, that he does not hate sin, but thrives in the commission of sinning.

What a great warning to God's people. If ever we see the beginning of a deceitful or sinful scheme in our hearts and minds, we should immediately flee to God in prayer. We should seek to fill our minds with the word of God, the goodness of God, and the way of God. We do not want to be found as seen in *Lu 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."* We should desire to be known as trees bearing good fruit.

5 ¶ "Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. 6 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast. 7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings."

How is the mercy of the Lord in the heavens? What made eternal life, and eternal forgiveness of sins, possible for us? The mercy of the Lord, which was extended to us by the finished work of Jesus Christ on earth. However, today, Jesus Christ is in the eternal heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father, there interceding that sinners might live, seen in *Ro 8:34 "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."* Wherefore, we see "*Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens."*

"*and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds."* The blessings of God are poured out upon the just and the unjust alike, from the ethereal heavens which we look upon, for God tells us that in *Mt 5:45 "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."* God's natural blessings are poured out upon all people on earth.

"Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep:" The righteousness of God is so great that mountains of the earth are as ant hills in comparison. The sinfulness of man is so great that it takes them into the great deep of the lake of eternal fire. However, the judgments of God are beyond the comprehension of mankind, for in His abundant mercy, God, through the finished work of Jesus Christ, has lifted his people from the great deep of the eternal lake of fire and raised them to eternal life in Christ Jesus. It is like when God created and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, demonstrating that God knew the end from the beginning when all was void and without form.

"How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings." However, the spiritual blessings of God are reserved for God's people, for God's people recognize the lovingkindness of God in giving them eternal salvation and eternal life. God's people trust in God because, as a hen doth cover her chicks with her wings when danger is near, so God doth cover us with the shadow of his wings of mercy and grace.

8 "They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. 9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. 10 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart. 11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me. 12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise."

"They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house;" When we are born again our only satisfaction is in the abundance of grace bestowed upon us by Christ. When the resurrection of the dead in Christ is come, and we are transported to the place which Christ has prepared for us, then we shall see in full the abundance and fatness of God's grace.

"and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. 9 For with thee is the fountain of life:" Remember what Jesus told the woman at the well. **Joh 4:13-14; 13 "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."** We are also told of another source of water from which we shall drink in eternity in **Re 22:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."**

"in thy light shall we see light." What did Jesus tell us in **Joh 8:12 ¶ "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."** Jesus affirmed **"in thy light shall we see light."** in **Joh 12:46 "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."** We are also told of the light we shall see in **Re 21:23 "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."** When we reach that place there will be no darkness at all.

David further prays that his foot does not slip, and he does not fall into the way of transgressors. Let not the power of satanic evil draw me into the ways of sin, seen in **1Jo 2:16 "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."** Why? **"and let not the hand of the wicked remove me. 12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise."** David is praying that God's goodness and mercy be not withdrawn from him, because if it is he will be like those who go down into the pit of eternal destruction.

Likewise, we should maintain a healthy prayer life before God. We should walk in uprightness of heart before God. We should rejoice and give thanks daily, to God, for the extension of His marvelous Grace and mercy to us. We should praise our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ for the security of our eternal salvation.

We should always be aware that we are to be salt and light in this world, and let us never forget **"Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens;"** and be looking for the second coming of our Saviour and King, Jesus the Christ. Hallelujah! Amen!