

Daily Encouragement from Gordon – Tuesday 28th April

Psalm 36

Describing the difference between the way of the ungodly and the way of faith leads the Psalmist to describe God. And what a wonderful God! So great, so holy and so loving and caring!

1 I have a message from God in my heart
concerning the sinfulness of the wicked:
There is no fear of God
before their eyes.

This is the root of sin. This is why all people, whether openly wicked or perfectly respectable and kind, are estranged from God.

2 In their own eyes they flatter themselves
too much to detect or hate their sin.
3 The words of their mouths are wicked and deceitful;
they fail to act wisely or do good.
4 Even on their beds they plot evil;
they commit themselves to a sinful course
and do not reject what is wrong.

Most people think they are alright 'in their own eyes'. It's only when we start with God's righteousness that we realise that even the best person is guilty before God.

But God's righteousness is blended with his gracious love. Oh that people would respond to his call.

5 Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
6 Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
7 How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
8 They feast in the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.
9 For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

What a comprehensive description. God is wholly good, perfect, loving and wonderful. To those who love him he is sure, caring and giving.

10 Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.
11 May the foot of the proud not come against me,
nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
12 See how the evildoers lie fallen –
thrown down, not able to rise!

The way of faith is underwritten by God's guarantee. He keeps us forever.

As the song says [What a faithful God have I](#) (click here and listen to it)

Let us sing his praise

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