

Studying the Psalms

“Psalms of Praise”

Psalms 36

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David: The Chief Musician

- David was a diligent servant of the Lord (1 Samuel 23:10; 2 Samuel 7:5; Psalms 89:3, 20).
- He confessed and turned away from his iniquity (2 Samuel 24:10; 12:13) and tried faithfully to do what was upright in the eyes of the Lord (1 Kings 15:5; 2 Kings 22:2); therefore “*the Lord preserved David wheresoever he went*” (2 Samuel 8:14)

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Wickedness of Men and the
Loving Kindness of God.

Introduction:

- This psalm of David observes a very basic contrast in men’s attitudes toward God.
 - One man has no respect for God and his deeds are wicked.
 - Another fears God, praises Him, and lives righteously.
- The psalm is then brought to a close with the righteous man’s prayer for continued protection and blessing.

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■ Attitude of the wicked. 1-4

- He has no fear of the Lord. (Romans 3:9-18)
Psalms 34:11, “*Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of Jehovah.*”
Psalms 111:10, “*The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do (his commandments): His praise endureth for ever.*”
Proverbs 1:7, “*The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge; (But) the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.*”
Proverbs 1:29, “*For that they hated knowledge, And did not choose the fear of Jehovah*”
Proverbs 2:5, “*Then shalt thou understand the fear of Jehovah, And find the knowledge of God.*”

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Proverbs 8:13, “*The fear of Jehovah is to hate evil: Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, And the perverse mouth, do I hate.*”
Proverbs 9:10, “*The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*”
Proverbs 10:27, “*The fear of Jehovah prolongeth days; But the years of the wicked shall be shortened.*”
Proverbs 14:26, “*In the fear of Jehovah is strong confidence; And his children shall have a place of refuge.*”
Proverbs 14:27, “*The fear of Jehovah is a fountain of life, That one may depart from the snares of death.*”
Proverbs 15:16, “*Better is little, with the fear of Jehovah, Than great treasure and trouble therewith.*”

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Proverbs 15:33, “*The fear of Jehovah is the instruction of wisdom; And before honor (goeth) humility.*”
Proverbs 16:6, “*By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for; And by the fear of Jehovah men depart from evil.*”
Proverbs 19:23, “*The fear of Jehovah (tendeth) to life; And he (that hath it) shall abide satisfied; He shall not be visited with evil.*”
Proverbs 22:4, “*The reward of humility (and) the fear of Jehovah (is) riches, and honor, and life.*”
Proverbs 23:17, “*Let not thy heart envy sinners; But (be thou) in the fear of Jehovah all the day long*”

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- **Attitude of the wicked. 1-4**
 - He has no fear of the Lord. (Romans 3:9-18)
 - He flatters himself by thinking his deeds will not be found out. (Psalms 10:11; 49:18; 94:7ff; cf. Jeremiah 2:35; Proverbs 7)
 - The wicked think that God will not see their sins (Psalms 94:7-11; 10:11, 13; Isaiah 29:15; Ezekiel 8:12), and they do not even see the real sinfulness of what they are doing (*“thou ... knowest not that thou art wretched.”*)
- **Revelation 3:17; Proverbs 30:12, 20; John 16:2).**
 - Sooner or later, every iniquity will become evident and will be seen for what it is (1 Corinthians 4:4-5; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Numbers 32:23). NOTE: Proverbs 16:2

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- **Attitude of the wicked. 1-4**
 - His words are deceitful. (Psalms 10:7; 12:2)
 - The wicked person’s words reflect the state of his heart (Luke 6:45): they are iniquity and deceit (cf. 10:7; 5:9), and therefore cannot be trusted (cf. adulterous woman of Proverbs 6:24-26).
 - He is not wise. (Psalms 14:1)
 - He does not try to do good. (Psalms 94:8; Jeremiah 4:22)
 - He devises evil schemes. (Proverbs 4:10-16)