

## Psalm 36 - God's Steadfast Love

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- 3 The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good.
- 4 He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil.
- 5 **Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.**
- 6 **Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.**
- 7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.
- 10 Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!
- 11 Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
- 12 There the evildoers lie fallen; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

**In the evil done to you by man, there is great appreciation for the goodness done to you by God.**

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*Psalm 94:6-10*

- 6 *They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless;*
- 7 *and they say, "The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive."*
- 8 *Understand, O dullest of the people! Fools, when will you be wise?*
- 9 *He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see?*
- 10 *He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke?*

*Ecclesiastes 8:11*

- 11 *Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil.*

*2 Corinthians 5:9-11 ESV*

- 9 *So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.*
- 10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*
- 11 *Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.*

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*James 3:6,8 ESV*

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

8 It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

*James 3:14-16 ESV*

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

*2 Timothy 3:1-5 ESV*

1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,

4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

*John 2:23-25 ESV*

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.

24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself (pisteuō - to think to be true, place confidence in, credit) to them, because he knew all people

25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

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### **Before Our Enemies**

*Psalm 57:3,4,10 ESV* Of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

3 He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. Selah God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

4 My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts-- the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.

10 For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

2 Thessalonians 1:5-8 ESV

5 This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering--

6 since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels

8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Romans 12:19-20 ESV

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

### **Regarding Our Sins**

Psalm 103:10-14 ESV Of David.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

John 8:3-11 ESV

3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst

4 they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery.

5 Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?"

6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."

8 And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground.

9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

10 Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

Luke 23:39-43 ESV

39 One of the criminals ["robbers" - Matthew] who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

### **Before The Nations**

Psalm 108:1-4 ESV A Song. A Psalm of David.

1 My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!

2 Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

3 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

4 For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Deuteronomy 4:7 ESV

7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?

Jeremiah 31:3 NASB

3 I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

Romans 2:4-5 ESV

4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 ESV

9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"--

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Ephesians 3:17-19 ESV

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love,  
18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.