

# **THE GLORY OF GOD'S GRACE**

## Psalm 36

*For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD.*

*v1 An oracle is within my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes. v2 For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin. v3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; he has ceased to be wise and to do good. v4 Even on his bed he plots evil; he commits himself to a sinful course and does not reject what is wrong. v5 Your loving-kindness, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. v6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. v7 How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. v8 They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. v9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. v10 Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart. v11 May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. v12 See how the evildoers lie fallen-- thrown down, not able to rise!*

### **I. THE GLORY OF GOD'S GRACE IS UNDERSTOOD IN THE LIGHT OF THE WICKEDNESS OF SINNERS**

1. Sinful people have **REBELLED** against God - *sinfulness = Heb **peh'-shah** - national, moral or religious rebellion*
2. Sinful people have **REJECTED** God. - *"no fear of God before his eyes" Sinful people NO LONGER WORSHIP GOD*
3. Sinful people have **REPLACED** God. - *"v2 For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin" Sinful man has become the "I" in "sIn". Sinful people can't even recognize when they committing sin.*
4. Sinful people have **RENOUNCED** God.
  - i. With their **WORDS** - *"v3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful;"*
  - ii. With their **THOUGHTS** - *"v3 he has ceased to be wise and to do good"*
  - iii. With their **ACTIONS** - *"v4 Even on his bed he plots evil; he commits himself to a sinful course and does not reject what is wrong"*

### **II. THE GLORY OF GOD'S GRACE IS UNVEILED IN THE PROPHECY ABOUT JESUS**

1. God's GRACE is seen in **HIS CHARACTER**.
  - i. His **ABOUNDING LOVING-KINDNESS** - *v5 - "reaches to the heavens"*
  - ii. His **STEADFAST FAITHFULNESS** - *"v3 he has ceased to be wise and to do good" The Hebrew word means firmness, security, moral fidelity, stability, steady, truth*
  - iii. His **UPRIGHT RIGHTEOUSNESS** - *"v6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains" The Hebrew word means "rightness" in every sense of the word. "WITHOUT SIN"*
  - iv. His **UNFATHOMABLE RIGHTEOUSNESS** - *"v6 your justice like the great deep" The Hebrew word for DEEP is the same one used in Gen 1:2*
2. God's GRACE is seen in **HIS ACTIONS**.
  - i. He **PRESERVES** - *v6 - "both man and beast"*
  - ii. He **PROTECTS** - *"v7 Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings."*
  - iii. He **PROVIDES** - *"v8 They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights"*
  - iv. He **PARDONS** - *"v9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. "*

### **III. THE GLORY OF GOD'S GRACE IS UNLEASHED ON THOSE ON GOD'S CHILDREN**

1. We are **SAVED BY GOD** - *"v10 Continue your love to those who know you,"*
2. We are **SANCTIFIED BY GOD** - *"v10 Continue ..., your righteousness to the upright in heart,"*
3. We are **SECURED BY GOD** - *"v11 May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. v12 See how the evildoers lie fallen-- thrown down, not able to rise!"*  
**Hebrews 10:13-14** *Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, v14 because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

### **Conclusion**

***Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- v9 not by works, so that no one can boast. v10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.***