Psalm 36

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God enjoys providing abundantly for His people, not only in relaxed times, but also when they are surrounded with difficulty and evil. Remember Psalm 23? God our Shepherd not only leads us to green pastures and beside still waters. He leads us through the valley of the shadow of death and spreads a banquet for us in the presence of our enemies.

Psalm 36 gives us a similar picture. Day by day, we are surrounded by godless people. They don't take God seriously. They deceive themselves and others about their own wickedness. Since they ignore God, evil takes over their thoughts, their words, and their lives.

But at the very same time, we are also constantly surrounded by our Father's goodness. It permeates our world and saturates our lives. His love and faithfulness are limitless, filling our entire world, even up to the heavens themselves. His rightness is vast and towering, more awe-inspiring and immovable than even the world's majestic mountain ranges. And His justice is unfathomable, deeper than any ocean's abyss.

To see His love and faithfulness, His rightness and goodness in action, look at the way He treats His creatures. He protects and provides for every living thing, both human and non-human. Each one of us lives our entire life, birth to death, in the shadow of His covering wings.

The children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights. For with You is the fountain of life. (Psalm 36:7-9a, NASB)

All day, every day we feast on the abundance of God's goodness. He shares with us a vast and ever-flowing river of delights. With Him, life is a fountain always springing up, always overflowing. All we have to do is come and drink.

In Your light we see light. (Psalm 36:9b, NASB)

When we see our God for all He is, we begin to see all the beauty and wonder of reality in Him. Praise to You, Almighty God!

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