

Psalm 36

Wickedness of Men and Lovingkindness of God.

Transgression speaks to the ungodly within his heart;
There is no fear of God before his eyes.

² For it flatters him in his *own* eyes

Concerning the discovery of his iniquity *and* the hatred *of it*.

³ The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit;

He has ceased to be wise *and* to do good.

⁴ He plans wickedness upon his bed;

He sets himself on a path that is not good;

He does not despise evil.

⁵ Your lovingkindness, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

Your faithfulness *reaches* to the skies.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

Your judgments are *like* a great deep.

O Lord, You preserve man and beast.

⁷ How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!

And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

⁸ They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house;

And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights.

⁹ For with You is the fountain of life;

In Your light we see light.

¹⁰ O continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,

And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

¹¹ Let not the foot of pride come upon me,

And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.

¹² There the doers of iniquity have fallen;

They have been thrust down and cannot rise.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?

Did God instruct you to do something?

Did you gain any insight into God's character?

Paul's questions and insights

1. Transgression means what?
2. To transgress is an act that goes against the law, rule, or code of conduct; an offence.
3. Why do transgressors speak to the ungodly in their heart?
4. What does it mean to have no fear of God?
5. The transgressor is flattered by their dark deeds.
6. David gives us an insight into the nature/character of the transgressor. They are wicked and full of deception.
7. The transgressor has stopped being wise and prefers wrong to right.
8. Even while they are in their bed the transgressor schemes evil acts that they desire to carry out.
9. They choose to make the decision within themselves not to do good but to do bad.
10. David considers the nature/character of God.
11. God's loving kindness reaches as far as the heavens.
12. God's faithfulness goes up to the skies. How vast is that!
13. God's right character is as the 'holy mountains'.
14. The way God decides is always right. He evaluates with complete understanding.
15. How do we evaluate with limited understanding?
16. David calls God 'Lord'. What he means is, that he is in surrender of all that God is.
17. God preserves man but He also preserves and loves the beast.
18. The young find their refuge in the shadow of God's wing for their protection.
19. The young enjoy the blessings of all of God's blessing.
20. What does it mean that they gain access to the river of God's delights?
21. What is the fountain of life and where can it be found?
22. 'By the light of God' is how we are really able to see.
23. To tender is to give yourself with love, joy and peace.
24. Responding to, or expressing the softer emotions- Tender love

25. Who are 'the upright in heart' that David is referring to?
26. Even the humble, when they let pride enter their hearts, are in trouble!
27. Doers of iniquity are the evil wicked, they can't get up.
28. What happens when you live with hatred?
29. Have you known the lovingkindness of the Lord to confirm that He knows you?
30. Why are words wicked?
 31. Satan filled Judas mind and heart with evil against the Lord Jesus so that evil men would capture Him. All sin starts in the mind or heart, what we think and what we feel. If we can gain the victory there, we will sin less.