

Psalm 36

By David, the servant of the Lord

Abandoned Wickedness

2 נֶאֱמַר-פֶּשַׁע לְרָשָׁע בְּקֶרֶב לִבּוֹ
 אֵין-פֶּחַד אֱלֹהִים לְגִגְד עֵינָיו :
 3 כִּי-תִחַלֵּיק אֵלָיו בְּעֵינָיו
 לְמַצָּא עֲוֹנוֹ לְשָׂנֵא :
 4 דְּבַר־יִצְרָח אָנֹן וּמְרִמָּה
 תָּחַל לְהַשְׁכִּיל לְהִיטִיב :
 5 אָנֹן | וַיַּחֲשֹׁב עַל-מִשְׁכָּבוֹ
 יִתְיַצֵּב עַל-צַדִּיק לֹא-טוֹב
 רָע לֹא וּמָאָס :

1 An oracle of transgression to the wicked deep within his heart;
 there is no fear (lit. "terror") of God before his eyes. (Rom 3.18)
 2 For it (i.e. the oracle) flatters him in his own eyes,
 that his **iniquity** cannot be found out and hated.
 3 The words of his mouth are **trouble** and deceit;
 he has ceased to act wisely and do good.
 4 He plots **iniquity** while on his bed;
 he sets himself in a way that is not good; (Ps 1:1)
 evil he does not reject.

Abundant Goodness

6 יְהוָה בְּהַשְׁמַיִם תְּסֻדֶּךָ
 אֱמוּנַתְךָ עַד-שָׁתָקִים :
 7 צַדִּיקְתְּךָ | כְּהַרְרֵי-אֵל
 מִשְׁפָּטְךָ תְּהוֹם רַבָּה
 אָדָם-וּבְהֵמָה תוֹשִׁיעַ יְהוָה :
 8 מַה-יָקָר תְּסֻדֶּךָ אֱלֹהִים
 וּבְנֵי אָדָם בְּצֹל כַּנְּפִיךָ יַחֲסוּיִן :
 9 יִרְוִיזוּ מִבְּשֵׁן בֵּיתְךָ
 וְנָחַל עַדְנִיךָ תִּשְׁקֶם :
 10 כִּי-עֲמֹךָ מְקוֹר תַּיִם
 בְּאוֹרְךָ נִרְאָה-אוֹר :

5 "I AM," your **steadfast love** extends to the heavens,
 your faithfulness unto the clouds.
 6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
 your judgments are like the great deep;
 man and beast you save, "I AM,"
 7 How precious is your **steadfast love**, O God!
 The sons of men take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
 8 They feast on the abundance of your house, (2 Sam 17.27ff)
 and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
 9 For with you is the fountain of life; (Gen 2.8-14; Jer 2:13; 7:13; John 4:7)
 in your light do we see light.

Prevailing prayer

11 מִשְׁךָ תְּסֻדֶּךָ לִידְעֶיךָ
 וְצַדִּיקְתְּךָ לְיִשְׂרָאֵל-לֵב :
 12 אַל-תְּבוֹאֵנִי רִגְלֵי גְאוּנָה
 וַיַּד-רָשָׁעִים אַל-תִּגְרַעֲנִי :
 13 שָׁם נָפְלוּ פְעָלֵי אָנֹן
 וְלֹא-יָנִיחוּ קוּם :

10 Oh, prolong 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 doers of **iniquity** lie fallen;
 they are thrust down, unable to rise.