

## **The Heart of Darkness and the Heart of God**

### **Psalm 36**

**April 15, 2018**

Do transgressors bother you? What should you do about it?

The depth of the darkness of sin and the covenantal faithfulness of God ought to compel us to seek a continuing experience of His love; to hide under the shadow of His wings.

#### **Probing the Heart of Darkness v 1-4**

Sin speaks with authority to the heart of darkness.

There is not reverential fear of God; recognizing total dependence upon God.

He flatters himself so that he neither sees nor hates his own sin.

We are expert, it seems, at identifying the sins of everyone except our own.

Bad character leads to bad communication which leads to bad conduct.

He sets his mind on wickedness; feeds his heart with it.

#### **The Heart of God; The Measure of Mercy v 5-9**

Loving kindness springs from the heart and character of God.

What is the measure of this mercy and loving kindness?

When man and his sin get you down, meditate on the character of God.

Steadfast, covenanted love is the treasure of the believing people of God.

When you are down, where to you go?

There is real shelter under the shadow of your wings.

(Deut 32:11; Ps 17:8; 91:4; Ruth 2:12; Matt 23:37)

God's abundance is their supply. And it satisfies. There is always enough.

#### **The Cry of the Righteous Heart (v 10-12)**

David prays for the people of God

David prays for himself

David takes comfort in the future, certain victory