

Text: **Psalm 36**

Title: **“Your righteousness is like the great mountains”**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Reading the Psalms

- a) The most read portions of the Bible
- b) Instructive
- c) Inspirational

2. Understanding the Psalms

- a) They represent Hebrew poetry
- b) But they were not written in rhyme
- c) They were:
  - i) Prayers
  - ii) Praise
  - iii) Meditation
- d) There was deep theology behind the Psalms
  - i) The writings of Moses (Deuteronomy)
  - ii) The teachings of the teachers/ elders of Israel
  - iii) Oral tradition
  - iv) Written sources

## **KNOWLEDGE OF GOD**

1. Acquired over time
2. Learned from life
  - a) Blessings
  - b) Problems faced
3. Discovered in the Scriptures
  - a) Reading
  - b) Meditation
  - c) Application in life

## **THE UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MAN**

1. Sinful
2. Wilful
3. Stubborn
4. Rebellious

## **AN UNRIGHTEOUS KING SAUL**

1. He disobeyed God (1 Samuel 15:22)
2. He did not heed God (1 Samuel 15:22)
3. He was rebellious (1 Samuel 15:23)
4. He was stubborn (1 Samuel 15:23)
5. He rejected the word of God (1 Samuel 15:23)

King Saul was a very strong adversary of David!

## HOW DAVID COPEd IN TOUGH TIMES

1. He trusted in God's mercy
2. He believed in God's faithfulness
3. He focus on God's righteousness

## HOW PROCLAMATIONS COME ABOUT

1. A special proclamation of Moses
  - a) Closing chapters of the Book of Deuteronomy
  - b) He had traced the mighty hand of God in Israel's history
  - c) His own growth in faith and maturity

<sup>3</sup> For I proclaim the name of the LORD:  
Ascribe greatness to our God.

<sup>4</sup> *He is* the Rock, His work *is* perfect;  
For all His ways *are* justice,  
A God of truth and without injustice;  
Righteous and upright *is* He.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

2. Features of God proclaimed
  - a) Greatness of God
  - b) A strong and immoveable Rock
  - c) The perfection of God's work
  - d) His ways are characterized by justice
  - e) He is righteous and upright

### 3. Proclamation of David about God

- a) Your mercy is in the heavens (Psalm 36:5a)
- b) Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds (Psalm 36:5b)
- c) Your righteousness is like the great mountains (Psalm 36:6a)

### 4. These proclamations

- a) Personal
  - i) Conviction
  - ii) Affirmation
- b) Preaching
  - i) Teaching
  - ii) Exhortation

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. To ponder what the Scriptures teach
2. To pray a little more as we meditate on what we read
3. To come up with our own personal proclamations about the Lord in the New Year