

Text: **Psalm 36**

Title: **“The fountain of life”**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### 1. God as the Creator

- a) Creator of the world
- b) Creator of mankind

*“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”  
Genesis 2:7*

### 2. Man as a Sinner

- a) Man was made in the image of God
- b) That image was badly affected because of sin

<sup>17</sup> Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

“Cursed *is* the ground for your sake;  
In toil you shall eat *of* it  
All the days of your life.

<sup>18</sup> Both thorns and thistles it shall <sup>bring</sup> bring forth for you,  
And you shall eat the herb of the field.

<sup>19</sup> In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread  
Till you return to the ground,  
For out of it you were taken;  
For dust you *are*,  
And to dust you shall return.” Genesis 3:17-19

- c) Man would have to struggle with the problem of sin and its consequences
- d) Man was made from the ground
- e) He would return to the ground when he dies

## **THE PROBLEM OF SIN HAS TO BE RESOLVED**

*<sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent:*

*“Because you have done this,  
You are cursed more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly you shall go,  
And you shall eat dust  
All the days of your life.*

*<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her Seed;  
He shall bruise your head,  
And you shall bruise His heel.”  
Genesis 3:14-15*

### 1. The work of the serpent

- a) He had caused Eve to sin
- b) Eve had caused Adam to sin
- c) Sin brought terrible consequences to mankind

### 2. The work of the Saviour prophesied

- a) He would bruise the head of the serpent
- b) The serpent would bruise His heel (causing His death)
- c) The work of the devil had to be destroyed

## THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

### 1. God as the Giver of the Fountain of life

*“For with You is the fountain of life” Psalm 36:9a*

- a) A precious knowledge
- b) A certain faith
- c) A glorious hope

### 2. God as the Giver of the River of pleasures

*“You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures” Psalm 36:8b*

- a) The word “pleasures”
  - i) Satisfaction
  - ii) Joy
- b) God gives to everyone who comes to Him in faith

## THE FULNESS OF THIS UNDERSTANDING

### 1. The Lord Jesus as the Giver of a fountain of water

*<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” John 4:13-14*

- a) This was what the Lord Jesus offers
- b) A fountain of water springing up into everlasting life

### 2. The Holy Spirit as the Giver of Rivers of living water

*<sup>37</sup> On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. John 7:37-38*

## **THE CHALLENGE FOR US TODAY**

### 1. To appreciate afresh

- a) The connectedness of the Scriptures
- b) What begins in simple form in the Old Testament
- c) Concludes with fulness of blessings in the New Testament

### 2. To all who are soul-thirsty

- a) To come to the Lord Jesus Christ
  - i) For salvation
  - ii) For the water of life
  - iii) With a genuine faith
- b) To discover further
  - i) The depth of God's plan of blessing
  - ii) To seek to be filled with the Spirit of God
- c) To live as the Lord meant for us
  - i) Fullness of life
  - ii) In the image of God
  - iii) An eternal life