

Text: **Psalm 36**

Title: **“Continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You”**

INTRODUCTION

1. Reviewing our knowledge of God

- a) His many wonderful attributes
- b) Meditating on what we know of the Lord

2. Renewing our faith in the Lord

- a) A vibrant relationship
- b) A vigorous faith and life

3. Revitalising our Prayer-life

- a) Prayer is a vital thing to comprehend
- b) Deepening our prayer-relationship with God is of great significance

4. Knowledge of God revealed

- a) His mercy (Psalm 36:5a)
- b) His faithfulness (Psalm 36:5b)
- c) His righteousness (Psalm 36:6a)
- d) His judgments (Psalm 36:6b)

DEFINING THE LOVINGKINDNESS OF GOD

1. Made up of two words
 - a) Love
 - b) Kindness
 - c) Conflated as one word: "Lovingkindness of God"

2. It is closely associated with the other attributes of God
 - a) Mercy
 - b) Faithfulness

3. It is what God shows to mankind
 - a) Practical
 - b) Personal
 - c) Powerful

THE LOVINGKINDNESS OF GOD MENTIONED

(Davidic Psalms)

1. Marvelous lovingkindness of God

*⁷ Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand,
O You who save those who trust in You
From those who rise up against them.
⁸ Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,
Psalm 17:7-8*

*Blessed be the LORD,
For He has shown me His marvelous kindness in a strong city!
Psalm 31:21*

2. Lovingkindness is better than life

*³ Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise You.
Psalm 63:3*

3. God's lovingkindness is truly good

*Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good;
Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.
Psalm 69:16*

THE LOVINGKINDNESS IS TO BE DEEPLY TREASURED

1. To be meditated upon
2. To be fathomed
3. To be trusted
4. To be spoken of
5. To be shared with others

APPLICATION OF THE LOVINGKINDNESS OF GOD

1. In prayer

That God would continue to show lovingkindness (Psalm 36:10a)

- a) As in the past
- b) So, in the present and future
- c) God would continue to relate to us with the same lovingkindness

2. Especially to the following:

- a) To those who know the Lord
- b) To the upright in heart

3. In tough times

- a) In the context of being surrounded by the prideful (Psalm 36:11)
- b) Amidst much wickedness in the world (Psalm 36:1-4, 11-12)

CONCLUSION

1. Recalling Paul's teaching in Titus 3:4-5

- a) Mercy
- b) Kindness
- c) Love
- d) Grace

2. Emulating the example of David

³ Because Your lovingkindness *is* better than life,
My lips shall praise You.
⁴ Thus I will bless You while I live;
I will lift up my hands in Your name.
⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness,
And my mouth shall praise *You* with joyful lips.
⁶ When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the *night* watches.
⁷ Because You have been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.
⁸ My soul follows close behind You;
Your right hand upholds me. Psalm 63:3-8

- a) Praise
- b) Bless
- c) Satisfaction
- d) Remembering
- e) Meditating
- f) Rejoicing
- g) Following the Lord closely