

## GOD—THE ANSWER TO A MEANINGLESS LIFE

### Introduction:

1. Reading: **Psa. 36**
2. Nothing is as meaningless and hopeless as a life without God. It is a life headed for the trash-heap. (**Psa. 36:12**).
3. Jesus: When devise one's way without God, the end is destruction (**Mt. 7:13; Mt. 10:28**).
4. The meaningful life is the God-directed life (**Jer. 10:23**).

### I. THE MEANINGLESS LIFE (**Psa. 36:1-4**)

1. The message (oracle) David receives from his heart when viewing man's waywardness (**v. 1**).
2. Basically: v. 1b—"There is no fear of God before his eyes."
  - a. Some would even deny His reality. Cannot fear what is nonexistent.
  - b. Others ignore God (**Rom. 1:21, 28**).
  - c. America and Western nations with Christian roots, abandoning God. President: "This is not a Christian nation." Spoke of a diverse nation with its own sense of "values." Whose values? Not God's, but man's?
3. Without foundation of God in society, values are changing to whatever we desire.
4. Without God—Man "flatters himself in his own eyes" (**v. 2**).
  - a. Refuses to see the evil of his own ways—all sin excused.
  - b. Sin is perceived as a virtue—tolerance, "political correctness."
  - c. Isa. 5:20—"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil: who put darkness for light and light for darkness: who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."
    - aa. ILLUS.: miss USA contestant who lost entitlement because of her definition of marriage as between a man and a woman.\

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5. Without God: "The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit" (v/ 3a\_/
  - a. **Mt. 12:37**
  - b. A Christian's words should be his bond.
  - c. Jesus: "Let your words be yea, yea and nay, nay..."; "Swear not at all...."
  - d. Paul: **Eph. 4:29**
  - e. If no fear of God, Satan controls the tongue.  
--"Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind."
  - f. Survey of 52 major corporations in America: Over 50% found lying acceptable to get ahead. Achieve goals without God.
  - g. Politicians' promises: tax cuts, bipartisanship, eliminate pork ("earmarks"), solve all problems.
  - h. Aa. ILLUS.: Child: "Grandpa, do all fairy tales begin, 'Once upon a time'?"  
Grandpa: "No, son. Some begin, "When I am elected."
6. "He abhorreth not evil" (v. 4b).
  - a. Awake at night devising evil (**v. 4a**).
  - b. Pornography epidemic.
  - c. Moses' example: **Heb. 11:24-25**

### II. THE ADEQUACY OF GOD (**Psa. 36:5-12**)

1. God would deliver man from a wasted life.
2. **Psa. 36:5-6**
3. His mercy: "in the heavens." Without limits.

- a. --Psa. 103:17a: “The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him.”
- 4. “Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds..”
  - a. Comforted: “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful” (Heb. 10:23).

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- 5. **36:6**—God’s adequate righteousness and judgments.
  - a. “Like the great mountains.” --Immovable. Not here today and gone tomorrow.
  - b. His judgments: “a great deep”—as the ocean depths.. Higher than the mountains, deeper than the sea. Inexhaustible.
    - aa. Known depths: at least almost 7 miles.
- 6. Adequate security under His wings (**v. 7**).
  - a. --**Mt. 23:37**
- 7. Adequate supply in His house (**36:8-9**).
  - a. God’s storehouse is full, His fountain of life ever-flowing.
  - b. Life and security are not in bank accounts, stocks & bonds, real estate, but in God.
  - c. He gives from the “river of (His) pleasure.” God invented pleasure—lasting pleasure. Satan perverts pleasure to man’s ruin.
- 8. The contrast of the righteous (**vs. 10-11**) and the unrighteous (**v. 12**).

**CONCLUSION:** Evil will not ultimately prevail. If faithful, we have the best of both worlds: the resources of God now and the hope of eternity with Him.