

PRAYING PSALM 36

“An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked... (Psalm 36:1).

The best prayers come from the heart. David was bothered by the sins of the wicked and decided to talk to God about it. That was the origin of the psalm. David prayed from his heart: 1. THE WICKEDNESS OF THE WICKED (1-4). There is no fear before their eyes. They flatter themselves. Their words are deceitful. They set themselves in the way of evil. 2. THE GOODNESS OF GOD (5-9). David was assured of God's goodness because He was sure of His word. David was sure of God's mercy, God's faithfulness, God's righteousness, God's judgments, God's love, and God's light. 3. THE CONCERN OF THE RIGHTEOUS (10-12). David feared the righteous would be trampled by the pride of the wicked. He was concerned that the foot of their pride would trample him. He worried that their wicked hands would drive him away.

David's prayer went from worry to assurance, to concern. The Greek word for worry stems from a word meaning divide. A worrying person's mind is divided between fear and faith. Prayer based on the knowledge of God's Word brings us to a state of single-mindedness where we understand the problem. Then we are in a position to be part of the solution. Prayer moves us from worry to concern. Concern enables us to do what we can do and commit the rest to the Lord in prayer. What are you worried about? Why worry when you can pray?