



**April 11, 2025**

***The Lesson: Psalm 36:5-1***

***Key Verse: Psalm 36:5-1***

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep: you save humans and animals alike, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart! Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away.

***The Devotion:***

We seem to often forget how mighty is our God. Oh how we at times doubt the creator of the universe. Why do we fail to trust in the Lord and doubt his love for us, his strength, his guidance and yes, sometimes even his presence? Although we may distance ourselves from Him, God never abandons us.

In our modern times of expectations of immediate gratification, we may beseech God with the question, "What have you done for me lately?" We tend to forget that God is always "playing the long game." When times are tough we look for short-term immediate answers to our problems. We desire a "quick fix", a pill to quickly cure our ills. We humans are so short-sighted and forget the many blessings God has provided and more importantly, the gift of God's grace that none of us deserve nor can ever earn.

God's love is steadfast. He does promise us salvation. He will not let the hand of the wicked drive us away as long as we have faith in Him, embrace his love and let him lead us.

***The Prayer:***

Oh Lord, help us to feel your strength, embrace Your wisdom and follow Your lead each and every day. Help us to trust in You and be reminded of the many blessings You have provided us and continue to provide, most of all Your grace.

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