

Sermon Outline

An Oracle of Infinite Contrast

Psalm 36

Introduction: The contrast between the wicked and the righteous

The Title: *To the choirmaster. Of David, the servant of the Lord. An Oracle concerning transgression ...*

I. **vss. 1-4: the character of those who follow evil**

They listen to the voice of their sin

There is no fear (trembling) of God in their eyes

They flatter themselves in their own eyes

There is malice, lies and slander in their speech

They plot evil in their bed and wake up to do malice

They resolutely set themselves in the way of wickedness

II. **vss. 5-9: the infinitely opposite character of God**

God's glorious transcendent attributes: steadfast love (*chesed*), faithfulness (*emunah*), righteousness (*tsadaqua*), justice (*mishpat*)

God's precious immanent attributes: steadfast love, shelter, joy, life, light

III. **vss. 10-12: an urgent prayer for God's attributes to prevail over evil and in the lives of His people**

Our continued need for reminders of God's covenant faithfulness and imputed righteousness

The future doom of all evil – Can you say Amen?