

THE PSALMS OF DAVID

PART 4

Introduction:

1. This psalm of David could have been written during many different times of his life.
2. David often faced enemies and sought God's help and deliverance.
3. Thus, the psalm gives a general understanding of evil men and a righteous God.
4. It teaches principles that can be applied to many circumstances in life.

- I. The Blackness of Man's Sins (vs. 1-4)
 - A. This section gives a description of the wicked.
 - B. He has no fear of God (cf. Heb. 12:28-29; Ecc. 12:13).
 - C. He flatters himself (cf. Psa. 12:2-4; Luke 10:29; 16:14-15).
 1. Sinners destroy themselves.
 2. They could not be deceived by Satan if they did not first deceive themselves.
 - D. He hopes his sin will not be found out and hated, but it will (1 Sam. 15:18-24).
 - E. He is filled with hypocrisy and deceit.
 - F. He renounces wisdom and goodness.
 - G. He plots wickedness and seek to perfect the practice of it.

- II. The Brightness of God's Mercy (vs. 5-9)
 - A. In contrast with man's transgressions is the mercy of God.
 - B. It is as high as the heavens (cf. 52:1; 57:10; 103:11; 108:4)!
 1. Man limits the mercy of God by refusing to obey His terms for receiving it.
 2. God offers the great invitation – He does not force Himself upon man.
 - C. It is immovable as the great mountains.
 - D. It is as deep as the depths of the oceans.
 - E. It is excellent and precious as steadfast loving-kindness.
 - F. It is as trustworthy as a father's love for his children.
 - G. It is proven through His providential care.
 - H. It is as refreshing as a fountain of life-giving water.
 - I. It is as bright as light – giving light to all who receive it.

- III. The Blessedness of the Upright (vs. 10-12)
 - A. The concluding passage is a prayer.
 - B. God will watch over those who are godly.
 - C. God will defeat those who are godless.