

SERMON REFLECTION ON BIBLICAL FAITH

Psalm 35:1-3; Psalm 36:1-9 & Romans 10:5-10

Overview: The wicked is described in Ps 36:4, as living a life consumed by plotting to further his own wicked, self-centered goals – even on his bed! Eventually, his whole life can be characterized as, “a way that is not good.”

How different the life of faith. Such a life comes back continually to dwell upon God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, and is astounded at the scale of God’s saving righteousness in verses 5-6. How wonderful it is to drive around a national park, and to have every view dominated by the main attraction: Mt. Rushmore; Half-Dome in Yosemite or Yellowstone Canyon come to mind.

Just so with the life of faith. Faith is continually looking outside itself to the Lord; faith is able to behold the wicked people and events of this life with an unflinching gaze because faith knows that the Mt. Everest of God’s saving righteousness is always in view.

The Vigorous Focus of Faith: “Scaling peaks of God’s righteousness.” (Psalm 36:5-7)

The Realism of Faith: “An oracle in the hearts of believers about how evil sounds
(Psalm 36:1-4)

The Danger: “It usually happens, that in condemning the wicked, the contagion of their malice insinuates itself into our minds when we are not conscious of it; and there is scarcely one in a hundred who, after having complained of the malice of others, keeps himself in true godliness, pure and unpolluted . . . Whenever the corruption of the world affects our minds, and fills us with amazement, we must take care not to limit our views to the wickedness of men who overturn and confound all things; but in the midst of this stranger confusion, it becomes us to elevate our thoughts in admiration and wonder to contemplate the secret providence of God.” (John Calvin)

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LORD’S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

November 1, 2026



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude, Salutation & Call to Worship

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

* Opening Hymn

*The God of Abraham Praise
Psalter Hymnal (verses 1-3, 6)*

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

2 The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
and him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

3 He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend,
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

6 The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise. **

Invocation & God’s Law

Romans 10:5-13 (p 1124 pew Bible)

Psalm of Confession (unison)

Psalm 32:1-7 (p 546 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:4 (p 935 pew Bible)

Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures Psalm 35:1-3; Psalm 36:1-9 (p 548-9 pew Bible)
Romans 10:5-10 (p 1124 pew Bible)

Sermon The Just Shall Live By Faith (Part II)

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Hymn** *When All Your Mercies, O My God*
56 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-5)

- 1 When all your mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.
- 2 Unnumbered comforts to my soul your tender care bestowed,
before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.
- 3 When worn with sickness, oft have you with health renewed my face;
and when in sins and sorrows sunk, revived my soul with grace.
- 4 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;
nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.
- 5 Through ev'ry period of my life your goodness I'll pursue;
and after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.**

*** Benediction**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 1, 2026

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, 7:00 pm: Woodsville study**
- **Wednesday, 8:00 am: Men's prayer**
- **Wednesday, 7:00 pm: Zoom Bible study on the Book of Matthew (Ch 7)**
To receive a zoom link, contact the church office – copcoffice@gmail.com.
- **Thursday, 1:30 pm: Barre Bible Study**
- **Thursday, 6:00 pm: American Heritage Girls**

UPCOMING

- **Sunday, November 8: Worship and Lord's Table** - All who have publicly professed their faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord at a Bible-believing church and have been baptized are welcome to the Lord's Table.
The Diaconal offering will be received in the designated envelopes during morning worship.
- **Annual OPC Thank Offering** will be received November 22 & 29.
Bulletin inserts will explain more about the planned use of these funds.
- **Greens Party Saturday, November 28, 9 am-12 pm**
See insert in bulletin today.
- **Save the Date: Spring Ladies' Retreat, April 16 & 17, 2027.** Info in foyer

November Diaconal Offering

As you all know by now, Clif Muller's wife, Susanne passed away on October 7, after a brief stay in the hospital. In God's providence, Clif is now in the hospital, gravely ill. Please continue to keep Clif, Ryan, and Rita, and the extended family in your prayers. In order to help the family with the unexpected medical and funeral expenses we would like to dedicate our November Diaconal offering to help offset some of these expenses. If you have any questions about this offering please speak to either Kevin or Craig.

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14