

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: ODE OF ANTITHESIS

Main Text: Psalm 36

Sermon Description: One measure of commitment to themes of the Psalms is to take note of how often the wicked appear in today's worship songs. This observation should prompt us to consider the following. Have we forgotten the ultimate purposes of God in history? Have we forgotten His decrees from the garden judgement? Have we minimized God's victorious campaign over His enemies? Have we ignored His strategic purposes? Have we beheld His glory revealed by conquering contrast? In this Ode of Antithesis, David exalts the messianic supremacy of Christ as His elect line representative in the meta-narrative of salvation. This Psalm poetically echoes Gen 3:15 (seed vs. seed), 4:18 (Cain vs. Able), 3:25 (Seth vs. Cain), 6:1 (Sons of God vs. daughters of man), 6:8 (Noah vs. humanity).... etc.

DEFINITION: ANTITHESIS... *Two things in opposition. (in literary form) the rhetorical contrast of ideas by means of parallel arrangement of concepts.*

HEADING: THE EMPHASES OF PSALM 36...

1. SCOPE – STEADFAST LOVE vs. TRANSGRESSION (Ps 36:5-6)

-Language of reach and amplitude.... (5) *extends to the heavens* (6) *from man to beast*

- a. Incorporates: *faithfulness*, Extent: *to the clouds*
- b. *Righteousness/ mountains*
- c. *Judgements/ great deep*
- d. Antithesis: Transgression's scope -Internally pervasive, yet ultimately subordinate (1,4,12)

2. VALUE - STEADFAST LOVE vs. TRANSGRESSION (Ps 36:7-9)

- a. Safety (7)
- b. Sustenance (8)
- c. Source... *river, fountain, light* (8-9)
- d. Antithesis value audit (2,3)

3. OBJECT – STEADFAST LOVE vs. TRANSGRESSION (Ps 36:10-11)

- a. Those who know You (10)
- b. Upright of heart (11)
- c. Incorporates title (11, Ps 18)
- d. Antithesis

CONCLUSION: Eschatological Finale (events associated with last things): Here is definitive, certain, and conclusive judgement foretelling the future defeat of death, hell, sin, and every last design of the enemy of our souls under the heel of Jesus Christ. Rev 22:12-17

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FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Antithesis	Theme: Nature of sin	Theme: Scope of steadfast love	Theme: Value of steadfast love	Theme: Objects of steadfast love	Theme: Grand Finale
Verses: Gen 3:15, 4:18, 3:25	Verses: Ps 36:1-4	Verses: Ps 36: 5-6	Verses: Ps 36:7-9	Verses: Ps 36:10-11	Verses: Rev 22:12-17