

Psalm 36 — The Fountain and the Light

Psalm 36 (esp. vv. 5–9) · Friday capstone to John 1–4 · For posting on YouTube & Facebook. Use the overview for the description; add the prompt and links wherever they fit.

VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

Psalm 36 closes out week one — the Friday psalm that pulls the John readings together. It opens in the dark: a portrait of the wicked heart with “no fear of God before his eyes” (vv.1–4). Then it turns, and the light floods in — the Lord’s steadfast love reaching to the heavens, His people feasting in His house and drinking “from the river of your delights” — until it lands on the verse that ties the whole week together: “For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light” (v.9). That one line runs straight through John 1–4 on two threads: light shining in the darkness, and living water welling up to eternal life. The fountain David sang about has a name.

GO DEEPER — STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Read **Psalm 36** slowly and watch it turn — from the heart of the wicked in **vv.1–4** to the steadfast love of the Lord in **vv.5–9**. Then read **verse 9** beside its echoes in John: the light in **John 1:4–9** and **3:19–20**, and the living water in **John 3:5** and **4:10–14**. As you read, sit with the two questions from Friday: Where is the Lord shining light into my own darkness? And where am I being invited to drink?

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Elsewhere in John: 1:4–9 (*the light shines in the darkness*) · 3:5 (*born of water and the Spirit*) · 3:19–20 (*people loved the darkness*) · 4:10–14 (*living water welling up to eternal life*) · 7:37–38 (*rivers of living water*) · 8:12 (*I am the light of the world*)

Other Gospels: Matthew 5:14–16 (*you are the light of the world*)

Rest of Scripture: Psalm 36:1–4 (*the darkness the psalm names first*) · Jeremiah 2:13 (*they forsook the fountain of living waters*) · Psalm 27:1 (*the LORD is my light*) · Revelation 21:23 (*the Lamb is its lamp*) · Revelation 22:1 (*the river of the water of life*)

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

The Light We Need to See: How Christ Dispels Spiritual Darkness

Jon Bloom — Desiring God (article)

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-light-we-need-to-see>

Built on Psalm 36:9 — Jesus as the light in which we finally see light. (Light thread.)

Rivers of Living Water

Ligonier — devotional

<https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/rivers-of-living-water>

On the living water of John 7:37–39 that the Psalm’s fountain and river point to. (Water thread.)

Treasury of David: Psalm 36

Charles Spurgeon — verse-by-verse commentary

<https://www.christianity.com/bible/commentary/charles-spurgeon/psalm/36>

A classic public-domain walk through the whole psalm, verse by verse, for deeper study.