

Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 36: 5-6

New International Version

Your love O Lord reaches to the heavens...

The Message

God's love is meteoric, his loyalty astronomic, His purpose titanic, his verdicts oceanic. Yet in his largeness nothing gets lost; Not a man, not a mouse, slips through the cracks.

There is a song by *Third Day* with that includes the scripture above; it may be in the refrain, I think; but the song is a beautiful praise to God regarding his boundless love, his righteousness, and his justice.

Love comes in many forms but none of those, or for that matter all of those, can reach as far as God's love; very simply, God's love is unconditional or does not depend on love to be returned or reciprocated.

Righteousness is being right in the true sense. We may search for right or we may take-a-stand for what we believe is right but in both cases, right cannot be found or understood without knowing what is true - knowing the truth! Jesus said that he was "the truth" and, being one with God, was made righteous. Righteousness and truth must coexist; one cannot exist or occur without the other.

Justice is about being fair; it is righteousness that is executed, carried-out, or applied (about something but involving someone). Man's courts seek to "serve justice" but unless the truth is pursued (or righteousness is honored), the idea of justice is nothing more than a myth. Justice cannot be attained in the pure sense (of God); but justice can be pursued through a quest for righteousness or the truth; but when truth is not highly-valued, than the possibility of justice is null.

God is love, is righteous, and is just.

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