



WEEK TWO

DAY THREE

Yesterday we talked about the good things in life, the many, many blessings God gives to us. There's another side to life that we know too well. It's the rough side. It's the side where bad things happen. Where people are mean. Where people get sick. Where our hopes are unrealized. Where we are sad.

David, who wrote quite a few of the passages we're looking at in this book, understood the good things in life and the bad things. He knew what it was to experience God's blessings and to be totally bummed by all the bad stuff that happened to him. One of the things David had to deal with was people **CONSTANTLY** coming after him. Sometimes it was his people. Sometimes it was his enemies. But David knew what it was like to have people against him.

Read Psalm 36:7-9. Here, David is shifting gears. He has just talked about the evil people who are out to get him. Then, he begins to talk about God's love. In verses 7-9, David talks about the benefits of God's love. Look what he says. He says that God is the source of life and that this life can be described as light. David says we can only experience light (i.e., the good things) if we know God and His light.

David has a really cool way of talking about the life and light that God gives to us. First, he says that our lives are safe. We can take refuge in God. Then, he says that this life is abundant. That means the life of someone who knows God is a life that overflows with goodness and blessing. This kind of ties together the last two days of devotions, doesn't it?

We're safe in God's light. In God's light, we're cared for more than we could ever desire. And this light? It's what real life looks like for those who know God.

Let's spend a few more minutes applying these truths to your life.

Questions to Consider

1. How has God helped see you through a hard time recently?
2. David could praise God's steadfast love because it had seen him through trials. How has God's faithfulness allowed you to be more faithful in your praise of Him?
3. Can you think of a time when you were in a dark place, and the light of God shone into it? Describe how that made you feel.
4. Spend some time in prayer thanking God for His steadfast love that is the source of our life. Thank Him for shining His light in our world and in your life.