<u>Promises in Uncertainty</u> (January 27, 2021 - Upper Room)

Read: Psalm 36:5-9

- Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.
 You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.
- ⁷ How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

 People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. (NIV)

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5-6 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.

7-9 How exquisite your love, O God!

How eager we are to run under your wings,

To eat our fill at the banquet you spread
as you fill our tankards with Eden spring water.

You're a fountain of cascading light,
and you open our eyes to light. (MSG)

Read the January 27 installment in the Upper Room <u>Lesson background:</u> based on the above scripture

Sources: www.enduringword.com www.blueletterbible.org

- David uses the phrase "servant of God" in the title of this Psalm. He did that with only one other Psalm, 18.
- ➤ David is describing the wickedness of man in the verses 1-4, then he expresses his praise that no matter the wickedness, the vastness of God's greatness, love and mercy is beyond measure
- Trusting in God is the only secure place to rest when the wickedness of this world surrounds us

Daily application from this lesson:

- We only have to look to the vastness of the skies to see the greatness of God
- o God's love is certain. It's a promise!
- o God's protection is certain. It's a promise!
- We can ALWAYS count on God!

Reflection:

- 1. How does God **show us** that His love is certain?
- 2. How does knowing God's love is certain help us with our challenges?
- 3. What spiritual practices help you to hold on to God in hard, uncertain times?
- 4. Of the three promises mentioned in this devotional, which one is most encouraging to you? What does that look like in your daily walk?

Thought for the week:

Trusting in God is the only secure place I have in these uncertain times.