

CASTING DOWN THE WORKER OF INIQUITY

Psalm 36: 1: The transgression of the wicked, saith within my heart, *that there* is no fear of God before his eyes. 2: For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.... 5: Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds. 6: Thy righteousness *is* like the great mountains; thy judgments *are* a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast 7: How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings...9: For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light...12: There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

When my old man of sin begins to reign over me, the only way I am delivered is by the Spirit of Christ. He speaks into my new man making me see that my sinful flesh is "*the wicked worker of iniquity.*" When I think myself anything more, the Spirit reveals it is only my sinful flesh "*flattering himself in his own eyes.*" But the lust of my flesh can only flatter "*until his iniquity be found to be hateful.*" The Holy Spirit renews my new man, making the iniquity of my sinful flesh hateful to me. Then, beholding my own sinful flesh, "*the transgression of the wicked, saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.*"

Then the Spirit magnifies God my Father and my Lord Jesus to me bringing me to praise him for his unchanging mercy, faithfulness, righteousness and lovingkindness by which he preserves me when I am more beast than man. Once again, he brings me to trust under the shadow of his wings.

Then I am brought to give God, through my Lord Jesus Christ, all the glory for once again delivering me from the body of this death. Lord, once again you have shown me that with thee is the fountain of life: in thy Light shall we see light. There, in Christ thy Light, is the worker of iniquity within me, once again, fallen: there, in Christ thy Light, is he cast down within me. And as long as you make me see light in thy Light, Lord, he shall not be able to rise.