

Introduction

1. A meditative Psalm
2. God is in all his thoughts
3. His heart is warmed at this

1. GOD HAS PRECIOUS THOUGHTS OF US

- 1) Even some for the wicked:
 - (i) God's long-suffering
 - (ii) offers of mercy**ILLUSTRATION:** Christ's tears
- 2) But especially of the godly: "how great!"
- 3) What these thoughts are:
 - (i) election / predestination / love
 - (ii) destined us to hear the gospel
 - (iii) shows us who Christ is
 - (iv) makes us hate our sins:
 ILLUSTRATION: Kevin in USA
 - (v) draws us into the Church
 - (vi) gives us assurance of heaven**OBSERVE:** Here is a heartening truth!
APPLICATION: Let your soul rejoice in it.

2. GOD GIVES US PRECIOUS THOUGHTS OF HIMSELF

- 1) These are how the Psalmist begins
- 2) These thoughts of God:
 - (i) v.1-4: God's omniscience
 - (ii) v.5-12: God's omnipresence
 - (iii) v.13-16: God's omnipotence

- 3) There is a sense therefore in which we "hate" the wicked (v.21)
- 4) It is important to know how:
 NEGATIVE
 - (i) we do not have ill designs
 - (ii) we do not put them to death**ILLUSTRATION:** Spanish Inquisition
 - (iii) we wish them no harm**POSITIVE**
 - (i) we hate their sins
 - (ii) grieve at their blasphemy
 - (iii) have no fellowship with them
- 5) God's absolute, spotless holiness:
 OBSERVE: v.23-24: "Search me..."

3. BE ASSURED OF GOD'S PRECIOUS THOUGHTS

- 1) They are precious because they aim at our eternal good:
 - (i) "chosen in Christ..."
 - (ii) "elect...foreknowledge..."
 - (iii) "nothing shall separate..."
- 2) The famous TULIP
- 3) God's loving thoughts innumerable:
 - (i) "how great the sum!"
 - (ii) "more...than the sand"!**APPLICATION:** Believe this and be glad

CONCLUSION

1. God's love infinite
2. His blessings countless
3. Heaven will prove it

PSALM**139: 1 – 8****139: 11 – 15****139: 19 – 24**