

# Psalms 36:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

## Analysis

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The prayer for continuance ('O continue') recognizes that God's past faithfulness doesn't guarantee presumptuous assumption but motivates petition for ongoing grace. The recipients—'them that know thee' and 'the upright in heart'—indicates covenant relationship and moral integrity. Knowing God isn't merely intellectual but experiential, relational knowledge ('yada'), while uprightness describes those whose hearts are aligned with God's character. Divine lovingkindness and righteousness together provide security and guidance.

## Historical Context

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Covenantal language permeates this verse. 'Knowing' God was the essence of Israel's covenant (Jeremiah 31:34), distinguishing them from nations who worshiped gods they could not truly know.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How do you cultivate deeper knowledge of God beyond mere information?

2. What does it mean to have an 'upright heart' before God?

## Interlinear Text

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מִשְׁׁרָה	חֶסֶדְךָ	לִידְעָ יְיָ	אֶדְוֶתְךָ
O continue	thy lovingkindness	unto them that know	thee and thy righteousness
H4900	H2617	H3045	H6666
לְיֹשֵׁרִי	לִבִּי		
to the upright	in heart		
H3477	H3820		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 8:11** (Parallel theme): And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

**Psalms 9:10** (Parallel theme): And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

**Jeremiah 24:7** (Parallel theme): And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

**Jeremiah 22:16** (Parallel theme): He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? saith the LORD.

**1 Peter 1:5** (Parallel theme): Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**John 17:3** (Parallel theme): And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

**Jeremiah 31:3** (Parallel theme): The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

