

PSALM 40

- Intro: A prayer for help in the midst of great troubles. Circumstances for this Psalm unknown. David acknowledges the blessings of God while confessing that his sin has brought the distress. The distress is further aggravated by the gloating of his enemies.
- Verses 1-5 Praises the Lord for his blessings.
- A. Verse 3 - "put a new song in my mouth." A response to every act of God's mercies. Cf. 96:1f; 98:1. There's the new song of the redeemed in the new heaven: Rev. 14:3. There are the "new songs" we sing within ourselves when God delivers us from something we feared and impresses upon us His love, forgiveness and eternal life in our Lord Jesus.
 - B. Repetition in Psalms and Scripture.
 - C. Verse 4 - see Jer. 17:5-7.
 - D. Verse 5 - see Ps. 139:16-17.
- Verses 6-8 David is committed to God's will.
- A. Verse 6 - see I Sam. 15:22; Ps. 51:16f; Is. 1:11-13.
 - B. Verses 5-7 - These verses point to Heb. 10:5-7 and are fulfilled by the Lord Jesus. Consider Mt. 9:11-13 - the Pharisees were big on sacrifice and the thinking that sacrifice and doing were the way to righteousness.
 - C. Verse 7 - the scroll probably refers to Deut. 17:18-20.
- Verses 9-10 David does not hesitate to speak and reveal the love of God.
- A. Verse 9 - "the glad news of deliverance" - righteousness; telling the good news of God's righteousness.
 - B. Verse 10 - would not hide this, even from enemies.
- Verse 11 God's mercy and love are always their for the repentant heart. I Jn. 1:8-9.
- Verses 12-13 The reality is always there - Rom. 7:15-8:1.
- Verses 14-15 Antagonized by his enemies.
- A. Recall 5:8-10.
 - B. "Aha, Aha!" - wicked joy.
- Verses 16-17 Since we have been given salvation in Christ could we do anything less than cry out "Great is the Lord? And we plead that He not delay in our deliverance!"