

PSALM 40 – Faith Persevering in Trial!

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I WAITED patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry (40:1).

I WAITED FOR THE LORD Maranatha (3:09)

Chorus: I waited For the Lord on high I waited And He heard my cry (2x)

He pulled me out of my despair He taught me how to walk

From fear into security From quicksand to the Rock (Chorus)

I sing to let the people know That I have been restored

And they will kneel and understand To return and trust in the Lord (Chorus)

He pulled me out of my despair He taught me how to walk

From fear into security From quicksand to the Rock (Chorus)

And there's a new song In my heart to sing There's a new song Praises for my King (Chorus)

Psalm 40 – A Messianic Psalm. It reminds us of the fact that what God has always been to us, He will always be to us! What He has always been to us, is unfailingly faithful!

PSALM 40 - My Help and My Deliverer

Psa 40:1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

- It is possible that this is prophetic. It is also very true though of so many, many people. As we have waited patiently for the Lord, we have seen the answers to our prayers. So many can say that God took me out of a horrible pit, that life of the flesh, that life in bondage to sin and “He brought me out of the horrible pit and of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, upon Jesus Christ, and established my steps.

Psa 40:2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.

- When Jesus died for our sins, when God placed upon him our guilt and He died in our place, His spirit descended into Hades or Sheol or what is commonly known as hell in our English language. It was a place that was in the center of the earth that was divided into two compartments, the righteous dead and the unrighteous dead. The righteous dead with Abraham waiting for God to fulfill his promise of salvation.
- Jesus talks about this in Luke’s gospel chapter sixteen when he gives to us the story of the rich man Lazarus. How that Lazarus died was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom moreover the rich man died and in hell lifted up his eyes being in torment, seeing Abraham afar off and Lazarus there being comforted declared, “Father Abraham have mercy on me. Send Lazarus unto me that he might take his finger and dip it water and touch the tip of my tongue for I am tormented in the heat. Abraham said, “Son remember that you in your lifetime had the good things, Lazarus the evil. Now he is comforted while you are tormented and beside that there is this gulf that is fixed between these two places where you cannot cross over one from the other.” He said, “I pray thee then that if he cannot come to me send him back to the earth that he might warn my brothers lest they also come to this awesome place.” Abraham said, “They have the law and the prophets, if they will not believe them neither will they believe even if one should come back from the dead.”
- Jesus descended into hell, “He who has ascended,” Paul tells us in Ephesians four, “Is the same one who first of all descended into the lower parts of the earth. But when He ascended he led the captives from there captivity . Jesus descended into hell. He preached to the souls that where in prison. When Jesus rose from the dead, Abraham and all of those righteous saints rose with Him into the glorious eternal kingdom of God.
- The promise though was to Him by the Father, “I will not leave your soul in hell. I will not allow you to see corruption.”

Psa 40:3 He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.

- Justice magnified and grace victorious; hell subdued and heaven glorified; death destroyed and immortality established; sin overthrown and righteousness resplendent! What a theme for a hymn in that day when our Lord drinks the red wine new with us all in our heavenly Father's kingdom!
- We see how that the work of God in a person's life, the transformation, how when God lifts a person out of that horrible pit of sin, out of the miry clay in which they are sinking, and He sets their feet upon the rock, and He establishes them. We see the stories; we see the lives that are so transformed by the power of Jesus Christ. People who are going nowhere, people who were bound in drugs and alcoholism. You see the change of their countenance in their lives; you hear now the new song that they are singing, the transformed life, the mouth is cleaned up the whole life is transformed, People see it saying, "There's got to be something real, you just don't change like that."

Psa 40:4 Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

- The man who puts his trust in the Lord. The blessed happiness of committing ourselves to him.

Psa 40:5 Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.

- Creation, providence, and redemption! That is an understatement for sure. Look around and see the wonderful works that God has done.
- ***And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.*** The amazing thing is that God thinks about us. David said, "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon, the stars which God has ordained what is man that thou art mindful of him". Who am I that God shall think about me? And yet he does.! In fact, the psalmist said that if I tried to number His thoughts concerning you or me, I could not do it. They are without number. In Psalms 139, David said, "Your thoughts concerning me are as the sand of the sea in number" or number as the sand. God is continually thinking about you his child.
- To Jeremiah he said, "I know My thoughts concerning you, they are of peace and not of evil." Satan will have you think that God only thinks of you in a negative way. He only thinks of you in terms of judgement or punishment or whatever; not so. God says, "My thoughts are to bring you to the expected end. God thinks of you in the eternal. This is where the problem arises. As God is thinking about me and dealing with me, He always deals from the eternal perspective to bring you to the expected end. He looks down at the end of the path, the end of the road, and God deals with me from the eternal values and the eternal good.
- There are some things that I may desire for a temporal advantage, but they would be bad for me eternally. From a spiritual standpoint they could be destroying, damaging. So, God withholds many times the temporal because He is considering the eternal, that expected end, that down the road, where it will lead. God is conforming us into the image of His Son, how vital and important that is. God looks at that end result. He is always interested in the end result.

Psa 40:6 Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

- We learn from this verse that the LORD values far more the obedience of the heart, than all the imposing performances of ritualistic worship; and that our expiation from sin comes not to us as the result of an elaborate ceremonial, but as the effect of our great Substitute's obedience to the will of the Father!
- Now, we get into the prophecies concerning Jesus. *Sacrifice and offering You did not desire.*
- It is interesting that this was written by David at a time when the sacrifices were probably there most meaningful in the history of the Nation of Israel. The worship of God had pretty much come to a peak. It was not until Isaiah's time after the spiritual declination of the nation that God spoke of his feelings concerning the sacrifices. It is possible to start out in a real worship and move of God and to continue in a form but to lose the power, the meaning. Israel had offered the sacrifices to the Lord which the Lord required, but it came to the time when they were only perfunctory, they were not meaningful any longer.
- ***"My ears You have opened!"*** read, concerning Jesus, that He took upon Himself that of a servant. This ear, under the Jewish law, if you sold yourself as a slave, you would only be required to serve as a slave for six years. In the seventh year it was required that they set you free. However, if during that time that you were a servant you really enjoyed your position you would come to the master and say, "I enjoy serving you. I do not want to be set free I want to become your slave". He would take an awl

and go to the door of the house and there on the doorpost they would drive the awl through your ear and pin you to the doorpost with that awl and put a gold ring in. You would see the gold ring and it was the sign of a servant, of a slave, a bond-slave. A slave by choice.

- Jesus was a servant by choice. He said, "I did not come to do My own will but the will of Him who sent me". He humbled himself and became a servant, "obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Psa 40:7 Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

- These words are ascribed to Jesus again in Hebrews, ([Heb 10:7](#)) THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME—IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME—TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.' "The Old Testament, the volume of the book, is written of Jesus Christ. He is found throughout the entire Old Testament. Jesus one day said to the Pharisees, "Search the scriptures for in them you'll think you have life but actually they are testifying of Me".
- What a privilege to find our names written in the book of life, and what an honor, since the name of Jesus heads the page! Our Lord had respect to His ancient covenant engagements, and herein He teaches us to be scrupulously just in keeping our word; have we so promised, is it so written in the book of remembrance? Then let us never fail, through our obedience, to pay our debt to Him!

Psa 40:8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."

- Our blessed Lord alone could completely do the will of God.
- What a wonderful thing it is when God plants His law in our hearts and when doing the work and the will of the Lord is the joy and the delight of our lives. What a rich beautiful life it is when you are no longer straining, when you are no longer pressing against the bit but when you have surrendered yourself to the Lord, committed yourself to Him and to just to do the will of God is the chief goal of your life. It is a joyful life! It is a delightful life!

Psa 40:9 I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know.

- Then Jesus continues to testify. How He cried to the multitudes of people declaring to them the truth of God. It is well for a believer when he can appeal to God and call him to witness that he has not been ashamed to bear witness for Him, resting assured if we are not ashamed to confess our God, He will never be ashamed to own us.

Psa 40:10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly.

Psa 40:11 Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.

- He had preached both of these, and now he asks for an experience of them, that he might be kept in the evil day and rescued from his enemies and his afflictions. Nothing endears our Lord to us more than to hear Him pleading with strong crying and tears to Him who was able to save. O Lord Jesus, in our nights of wrestling we will remember You!

Psa 40:12 For innumerable evils have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; They are more than the hairs of my head; Therefore my heart fails me.

Psa 40:13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me!

- How touching! How humble! How mournful! The words thrill us as we think that after this sort our Lord and Master prayed.
- The marvelous themes that Jesus addressed as He spoke to the multitudes concerning the Father, the love of the Father, the kindness of the Father, the faithfulness of the Father, the righteousness!
- I like David. He is sort of like me, lacking patience, he wants God to work immediately. *Make haste to help me!*

Psa 40:14 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who seek to destroy my life; Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor Who wish me evil.

- David did not learn the lesson of turning the other cheek. It had not been taught in his day. He wants God to take care of them.

Psa 40:15 Let them be confounded because of their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

- I do not know what aha really means but it must be bad. David refers to it in several cases and it was always a term of derision of malicious delight of an enemy. If something really bad happens to you and your enemies say, "Aha.

Psa 40:16 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"

- Every time I come through the Psalms and read this I think I am going to start saying that and then I forget it. So, I come again, “I’m going to start saying this more”. The Lord be magnified . I love his salvation, so David said if you do, then you ought to be saying all the time, that the Lord be magnified. I like that. It is good!
- Never let His praises cease! As the heart is warm with gladness let it incite the tongue to perpetual praise. If we cannot do what we would for the spread of the kingdom, at least let us desire and pray for it. May it be our desire to make God's glory the chief end of every breath and pulse!

Psa 40:17 But I am poor and needy; Yet the LORD thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.

- Now he is not talking about a pauper. David is far from a pauper! He is not a beggar. David was probably the wealthiest man in his day. He contributed millions of dollars for the building of the temple out of his own personal bank account. He is not poor in the sense of broke, he is talking about it in the sense that Jesus talked about it in the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus said, “Blessed are poor in spirit”. That is a beautiful expression of David’s humility.
- ***But I am poor and needy; Yet the LORD thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.***
- *But I am poor and needy;* the amazing thing, though I am really nothing.
- *the Lord thinketh upon me.* I love it. The God who created the universe, who controls and governs the universe thinks about me. Really, when you look like at the world in which we live, we are such an insignificant part of the world; one in eight billion specks of dust that are walking around breathing and eating. . Here I am so insignificant and nothing. Somewhere between the atom and the universe, just about halfway I guess if you go way on down inside and then you go out to the universe man is somewhere halfway in between and yet God thinks about me!
- His unmoved confidence, stayed itself alone on God. O that all believers would imitate more fully their great Apostle, Savior and High Priest in His firm reliance upon God, even when afflictions abounded and the light was veiled. “

CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED - Cody Carnes: (5:02)

*Were creation suddenly articulate With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west We’d hear Christ be magnified
Were the whole earth echoing His eminence His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops We’d hear Christ be magnified
(Chorus) O Christ be magnified Let His praise arise Christ be magnified in me
O Christ be magnified From the altar of my life Christ be magnified in me
When every creature finds its inmost melody And every human heart its native cry
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise We’ll sing Christ be magnified (O be lifted high, Jesus)
(Chorus)
I won’t bow to idols I’ll stand strong and worship You If it puts me in the fire I’ll rejoice ‘cause You’re there too
I won’t be formed by feelings I’ll hold fast to what is true If the cross brings transformation
Then I’ll be crucified with You ‘Cause death is just the doorway Into resurrection life If I join You in
Your sufferings Then I’ll join You when You rise And when You return in glory With all the angels and
the saints My heart will still be singing And my song will be the same. (Chorus – 2x)*

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