

## Psalm 40

1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. 4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. 5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. 9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. 10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me. 12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me. 13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil. 15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha. 16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified. 17 But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

## Introduction notes:

1. To the chief Musician (1 Chr. 15:17) – David appointed this to be set to music for the use of public worship in the Tabernacle and in the future Temple (of Solomon, his son).
2. A Psalm of David – David is the writer of this Psalm.
3. A portion of this Psalm is Prophetic and it pointed to the Messiah – vv.6-8 is alluded to by Paul in Heb. 10:5-7,8-9, 10) – The entire mission of the Messiah is summarized in Ps. 40:7-8 – Christ came to fulfill or do the will of God.

## Outline: (Two themes: Praise and Prayer)

- A. Messiah's Praise for Deliverance (vv.1-5)
- B. Messiah's Praise for Opportunities (vv.6-10)
- A.' Messiah's Prayer for Deliverance (vv.11-13)
- B.' Messiah's Prayer for Vindication (vv.14-17)

## Observations:

1. David had the Spirit of the LORD in his tongue (2 Sam. 23:1-2). The Holy Spirit gave David the prophecy concerning the Messiah, the Lord Jesus and these words mainly speak of the Messiah's sufferings and cross work and Millennial work.
2. The Messiah prays (Heb. 5:7). And the LORD answered!
3. The LORD replies to the Messiah's prayer with four actions: INCLINED; HEARD; BROUGHT UP; and SET (vv.1-2).
4. The Messiah rejoiced even as He was suffering because He knew "many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD" (v.3).
5. The acts of the Messiah during His earthly ministry and in His future Millennial rule:
  - A. I have preached righteousness
  - B. I have not refrained my lips
  - C. I have not hid thy righteousness
  - D. I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation (future Millennial congregation of people).
6. (vv.11-13) more of the Suffering Messiah's prayers to Jehovah God as God forsook Him.
7. The Messiah prays against His enemies: Let them be ashamed, confounded, driven backward, put to share, be desolate (vv.14-15).
8. The Messiah prays for believers – Be glad in Thee, to say continually, the LORD be magnified.

Lesson: (v.8) I delight to do thy will – Jesus delighted to do the will of the Father. Do we delight in doing the will of the Father?