

## **Psalm 40**

**1A** Introduction, 1a: To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

**2A** The Plea to God and Result, vv.1b-4:

**1B** The action of David, 1b: I waited patiently (piel plus infinitive absolute – super intensified) for the Lord;

**2B** The actions of the Lord, 1c-3a:

**1C** Hearing, 1c: And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

**2C** Rescue, 2a He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay,

**3C** Establishment, 2b And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.

**4C** New song, 3a He has put a new song in my mouth—

**3B** The reaction of David, 3b Praise to our God;

**4B** The reaction of the observers, 3c, Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the Lord.

**5B** The principle: blessing follows trust, 4 Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

**3A** The Greatness of God, vv.5-6:

**1B** The greatness of God, in His works and thoughts, 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.

**2B** The greatness of the desire of God, 6 Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

**4A** The declaration of the Messiah, vv.7-10:

**1B** Declaration of self-sacrifice as ordained, 7 Then I said, “Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**2B** Declaration of delight and new covenant, 8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.”

**3B** The declaration in heaven, vv.9-10: 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. 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.

**1C** Note: two other Psalms mention this Great Assembly, Psalm 22 and Psalm 35. Each needs our attention.

**2C** Psalm 22:25 25 My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

**3C** Psalm 35:18 18 I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people.

**4C** Also in Psalm 89:5-7 5 And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. 6 For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord? 7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

**5A** A plea for mercy and preservation, vv.11-17:

- 1B 11 Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O Lord; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.
- 2B The reason for the plea, 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.
- 3B Repetition of the plea, 13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me!
- 4B Call for judgment upon the destroyers, 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. 15 Let them be confounded because of their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"
- 5B Call for praise to the Lord, 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!"
- 6B Statement of poverty and final plea, 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.