

Summer In The Psalms 2 - #6 –

Psalm 40

Do you have a playlist of your favorites? Perhaps favorite podcast?

Psalms are God's Songbook for the soul. They were given to Israel. In the New Testament, we are told they are to be a part of our New Testament experience as well.

Through them, God not only reveals great truth, but does it through poetry and music **to connect to the soul.** They **not only provide facts, they touch our feelings.**

Our Summer in the Psalms continues. Our favorite Playlist to dial up needed songs in our lives. Today, we dial up Psalm 40.

When I was a kid, we sang a hymn -

*He brought me out of the miry clay
He set my feet on the rock to stay
He put a song in my heart today
A Song of Praise – Hallelujah.*

It stuck, even as a kid. Little did I know that the song I sang was from a song written by David almost 3000 years ago. A song that has been sung by God's people ever since.

Psalm 40 is called a **Messianic Psalm.** Behind the words are shadows of the coming Savior. But - they are not just prophetic, **they were personal and practical.** **David wrote in his moment, and as God met Him there, recorded it for the many moments to follow even to this day.**

Our Psalm is a snapshot of three stages of David's life.

They each contain three foundational truths for us today.

When David wrote it, the future was uncertain. He didn't know what we know. Likewise, we, like David, have no idea what our future holds. But with the truths to build on from each snapshot, we can end with the same glimmer of hope David closes with.

Let's see what God has for us... A New Song!

I. Salvation.

David begins at the foundation for everything:

We each have our birthdays. To know God, walk with God, enjoy His promised presence, look forward to the future He has prepared – We must have a new birth. We must be born into His family to become His child.

A. David describes His salvation:

Vs. 1 – The leaning Lord
He inclined His ear
He heard – and He answered.

Vs. 2-3 – What Happens When We Trust Jesus.

- What He Did vs. 2-3a
- What He does through me: vs. 3b

“Many shall see... and shall trust in the Lord” **Do they?**

B. David declares a universal Invitation: Vs. 4

- Isaiah – Look unto me and be ye saved all ye ends of the earth
- Paul- Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Romans 10:13
Stuart Hamlin

***It is no secret what God can do
What he has done for others
He'll do for you
With arms wide open
He'll pardon you
It is no secret what God can do.***

C. David declares God's goodness! Vs. 5 - Blessings beyond #

D. David Clarifies ONE THING: Vs. 6-7 – Faith in Jesus, Grace.... Cf.51:16-17

- Salvation is by His grace through faith in Jesus alone!
- Once we are saved – it is not what we have to offer that matters. It is responding to what He has already done!!

The Foundational Question:

Do you have your story of Salvation? Saved by grace?

Follow-up- Is it real? Does it show? Is He the foundation you stand

The focus then turns from what the Lord had done to His response.
There will always be outward evidence of inward faith!

II. Service.

David's. vs. 8-10

Loved finding and following God's will
Preached – shared it with others!
Witnessed and testified!!

What about us? Looking back, maybe to where we are now, **has outward service followed our Salvation?**

- James: "Faith without works is dead."
- Jesus – "By their fruit..."

III. Supplication.

The unthinkable had become an unbearable reality. David turns to his current condition.

- It is not the thrill of salvation with a song of praise.
- It is not the faithful, grateful service that flows from His work in us!
- It is... sad. Sorrowful.

A. David's request – vs. 11.

Please don't give me what I deserve.
Don't leave or forsake me...

B. David's revelation and confession: – vs.12

His “iniquities”

His “innumerable evils”

Surprise? No. Just disappointment.

Sin has a cascade affect, and always brings it's harvest.

James 1:14-16

“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Do not err, my beloved brethren.”

Cf. 2 Chronicles 7:14!

C. David's realization

Vs. 13 – **Deliverance from his desperation was not to please Him – but God! i.e. – Nobody wants us whole and right more than God!!**

Vs. 17 – **“But I am poor and needy”**

When we live in that truth, and the need for Him – everything changes!

“The just shall live by faith”–

As the moment we are saved – we must each day acknowledge that it is not us... We are just as helpless, poor and needy!

Our worth... Our help... Our hope is in Him!

3000 years ago, God gave David a new song... a new story...

He left it for today – because He working to do the same for you and me!