

Psalm 41

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

Plea to Remove Sin's Temporal Consequences

1 Blessed is he who **considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him** in time of trouble. 2 The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, And he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. 3 The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed. 4 I said, "**Lord, be merciful to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.**" 5 My enemies speak evil of me: "**When will he die**, and his name perish?" 6 And if he comes to see me, he speaks lies; His heart gathers iniquity to itself; When he goes out, he tells it. 7 All who hate me whisper together against me; Against me they devise my hurt. 8 "An evil disease," they say, "**clings to him**. And now that he lies down, he will rise up no more." 9 Even **my own familiar friend** in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has **lifted up his heel against me**. 10 **But You, O Lord**, be merciful to me, and raise me up, That I may repay them. 11 By this I know that You are well pleased with me, Because my enemy does not triumph over me. 12 As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And set me before Your face forever. 13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

vv 1-3 Blessings for Helping the Poor

Proverbs 19:17 He who has pity on the poor **lends to the Lord**, And He [God] will pay back what he has given.

- **Reciprocation of Blessing in OT/NT:** We bless others/God blesses us

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

- **Blessing for helping poor?**

1. Deliverance/Preservation in time of **trouble**
2. Strength/Sustenance in times of **sickness**

vv 4-8: David's confesses sin/Asks for mercy based on his past kindness to poor
IOWs Seeks to cash in blessing chips...I helped the poor/Help me?

v9 Even my own close/close trusted friend has betrayed me
Betrayal: A Peculiar Deep Lonely Hurt many of God's people understand...

Philemon 24 [Greeting from] Mark, Aristarchus, **Demas**, Luke, my **fellow laborers**.

Colossians 4:14 [With Paul in Rome] Luke the beloved physician and **Demas** greet you.

2 Timothy 4:9 Be diligent to come to me quickly; 10 for **Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world**, and has departed for Thessalonica...

The Greek verb used in the original implies that Demas had not merely left Paul but had left him "in the lurch"; that is, Demas had abandoned Paul in a time of need. The apostle was in prison, facing a death sentence, and that's when Demas chose to set sail. Undoubtedly, Paul was deeply let down by Demas. It's never easy to see a friend and associate in whom you've placed your trust forsake you in the midst of hardship. [GQs]

Difference between Paul/David? Paul's betrayal not his own doing. David's was

- **Psalm 41:** Written after David sin w/Bathsheba
- **His sin hurt many:** Rippling effect his sin at epicenter

Betrayed Bathsheba/Uriah/Commander Joab/Israel/Himself/Us...Ultimately God
We will reap what we sow. David sowed sexual sin/betrayal/deceit and will reap the same

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

- **David forgiven/Earthly consequences remain:** Q. Can I cash in blessing chips?

Sowed sexual sin/Reap sexual sin's hurt...Sowed betrayal/Reap betrayals hurt

- Sexual sin permeated his family. Daughter raped.
- Betrayed by son Absalom slept w/ David's concubine
- Betrayed by Trusted adviser/friend **Ahithophel**

Ahithophel is David's betrayer in this Psalm
David's closest adviser...and also happened to be Bathsheba's Grandfather

Psalm 55:12 [Same theme] For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him. 13 **But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.** 14 We took **sweet counsel together,** And walked to the house of God in the throng.

- **Fiery Hurt of Betrayal:** Deep in David's gut and magnified 2-Fold because his fault
 1. I was betrayed by trusted friend, but I know...
 2. I betrayed others first...choose to sin/Choose to suffer
- NT Applies this prophesy to Judas betrayal of Jesus
- **Judas walked w/Jesus for years:** Hearing/Healing/Laughing/Delivering/Stealing

Matthew 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called **Judas Iscariot,** went to the chief priests 15 and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 16 So from that time he sought opportunity to **betray Him.**

Matthew 26:21 [Last Supper] Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" 23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." 25 **Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."**

John 13:27 Now after the piece of bread, **Satan entered him.** Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." 28 But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. 29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. 30 Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. **And it was night.**

John 13:18b [This was...] that the Scripture may be fulfilled, '**He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.**'

Matthew 26:47 [Later that night in garden...] while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "**Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.**" 49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. 50 But Jesus said to him, "**Friend, why have you come?**" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

Mark 14:21 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been **good for that man if he had never been born.**"

- **Judas Prophesied here** by David Psalm 41/Confirmed by Peter in Acts

Acts 1:16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning **Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;** 17 for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

- Ahithophel/Judas died by suicide
- Jesus/Paul did not cause their own betrayal/abandonment...David did. **So...**

vv12-13 David Embraces an Eternal Perspective

Your mercies are new every morning. I am forgiven. I know...

Temporal earthly consequences for my sin will end one day **and forever**

You uphold me in my integrity [I will not give up] and set me before Your face forever.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

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Psalm 42

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah

Thirsty

1 **As the deer pants** for the water brooks, **So pants my soul for You,** O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where is your God?" 4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast. 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance. 6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar. 7 **Deep calls unto deep** at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me. 8 The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song shall be with me— A prayer to the God of my life. 9 I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" 10 As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" 11 Why are

you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of **my countenance and my God.**

- **Author:** David?
- **Setting:** [If it is David] Unable to return to Jerusalem due to Saul or Son Absalom

vv1-6 **Deep Emotion**

Desire for Restored Intimate Relationship with the Lord. Questions...

- **Was it me** who caused this separation?
- **Did my sin** cast me into this depression?
- **Are You angry** at me/Teaching me...or both

No one is helping me. Not friends/Relatives/God?

- **Enemies Taunting:** Where is your God?
- **David Talking:** Talking to self...
 1. You used to be on top of your game. Big guy at Temple?
 2. Why are you cast down? Why can't you find peace? **Answer me!**
 3. **Soul's Answer?** Hope in God. Walk by faith not feeling.

v7 David replies to himself...Easier said than done. Right now...

Deep calls to deep. Falling deeper into depression...

- God's Voice like a waterfall in David's depression. Loud but incoherent
- God's waves of nonstop chastening...pulling him down into the undertow
- **Waterboarded.** Can't find my breath. Need water/Right there/Flow too strong

1 Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted **beyond what you are able**, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. [and learn from int Heb. 12]

vv 8-11 Sea Change.

The Adversity/Depression/Anxiety/Confusion cease. Quiet. Why?

Pride is being broken as David gives the fight up to God

- Took his relationship with God for granted
- God allowed him to experience life w/Him/**David learned...**
 1. How much God really meant to him
 2. What life is like without Him. Soul gasping.
 3. Not to take God's kindness for granted...
- **Learning through adversity...**

Psalms 119:67 [Purpose in pain] Before I was afflicted I went astray...now I keep Your word.

vv 8 I trust You will turn the tap on again/That the God of my life will once again Send His lovingkindness to me in the daytime...Give me His song in the night

- **vv 9-10 Crawls to the Throne of Grace:** Rasping voice says You are my Rock
 1. **Embraces** God once again as his **shelter/protection**
 2. **Renews** his trust in God as his **deliverer from enemies**

- **vv 11 One last conversation w/self...**

1. **Q.** Why are you still depressed/dejected?
2. **A.** Hope in God. He will break through. Hope that is seen is no hope at all

v11b... For **I shall yet praise Him...**The **help of my countenance** and my God.

Looks forward to the hope of a new lease on life: A substantially improved prospect for living after pride is broken, repair made, and rejuvenation begins...**in God's time**

- Note: No concluding resolve other than future hope in a faithful God

Psalm 42 Thirsty

Psalm 43

Jesus

Vindicate

1 **Vindicate** me, O God, And plead my cause against an ungodly nation; Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man! 2 For You are the God of my strength; Why do You cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? 3 Oh, **send out Your light and Your truth!** Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle. 4 **Then I will go** to the altar of God, To God my **exceeding joy**; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God. 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For **I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.**

- **Anonymous** but if 42 is David so is this. Note same last vv of each.
- **IOW's** Psalm 43 most likely continuation of 42

Theme: Vindicate me before my Enemies

- To show true w/ proof. E.g., Jesus was vindicated by the Spirit [1 Tim 3]
- **IOWs** We know Jesus overcame death/sin by proof: He rose from the dead

vv1-4 Prove to my enemies I belong to you by rescuing me before their eyes. **IOWs...** My enemies think You don't like me because what's happening...**Show them their wrong**

Psalm 35:24 Vindicate me, O Lord my God, according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me.

- **v3 Vindicate Me:** Let Your Light reveal Your Truth about your love for me
- **v4 Then:** Then I will go back to church and **sing my heart out**

v5 Psalmist encourages himself

I shall yet praise Him...The help of my countenance and my God

Psalm 43 Vindicate

Psalm 44

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah.

Vacation Gone Bad?

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us, The deeds You did in their days, In days of old: 2 You **drove out the nations** with Your hand, But them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out. 3 For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, **Because You favored them**. 4 You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob. 5 Through You **we will push down** our enemies; Through Your name **we will trample** those who rise up against us. 6 For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword save me. 7 But You have saved us from our enemies, And have put to shame those who hated us. 8 In God we boast all day long, And praise Your name forever. **Selah** 9 But You have **cast us off and put us to shame**, And You do not go out with our armies. 10 You make us turn back from the enemy, And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves. 11 You have given us up like sheep intended for food, And have scattered us among the nations. 12 You sell Your people for next to nothing, And are not enriched by selling them. 13 You make us a reproach to our neighbors, A scorn and a derision to those all around us. 14 You make us a byword among the nations, A shaking of the head among the peoples. 15 My dishonor is continually before me, And the shame of my face has covered me, 16 Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, Because of the enemy and the avenger. 17 All this has come upon us; But we have not forgotten You, Nor have we dealt falsely with Your covenant. 18 Our heart has not turned back, Nor have our steps departed from Your way; 19 But You have severely broken us in the place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death. 20 If we had forgotten the name of our God, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god, 21 Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart. **22 Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter**. 23 Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord? Arise! Do not cast us off forever. 24 Why do You hide Your face, And forget our affliction and our oppression? 25 For our soul is **bowed down to the dust**; Our body clings to the ground. 26 **Arise for our help**, And **redeem us** for Your mercies' sake.

- Anonymous
- **vv1-8** Psalmist/Defendant's opening remarks...

You have always been faithful to us.

Cast down enemies/We praised You. Symbiotic Relationship working swimmingly

vv 9-26 So what is going on now?

A. God never promised He would keep us from trials/suffering

In fact, just the opposite...

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. **In the world you will have tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

- Is the vacation we expected when saved going sideways?
- **Let's not blame God** for promises He never made...

God never promised He would keep us from trials and suffering

He promised that He would be with us through them [Fiery furnace thing]

vv9-26 Current State: Feeling as if Cast Off by God? Are we? Can we be?

Romans 8:28 And we know that in **all things God works for the good** of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. [Note past tense/It is finished] 31 What,

then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? [No one.] Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:

**For your sake we face death all day long. That's the true believer's life
We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered...but are we?**

37 No, in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, **will be able to separate us from the love of God** that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **God is 100% efficient.** He never wastes a hurt in a believer's life. Purpose in pain.

Trials we go through are not necessarily because we did something wrong
Three Hebrew boys went through a fiery trial. Why did Neb see four? Jesus was in it
We will go through fiery trials...and Jesus will be with us in it

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you **...19** Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

Psalm 44 Vacation Gone Bad We're going Home Soon

Psalm 45

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A Contemplation of the sons of Korah. Song of Love.

Bride Song to the Bridegroom King

1 My **heart is overflowing with a good theme**; I recite my composition **concerning the King**; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. 2 You are **fairer** than the sons of men; **Grace is poured upon Your lips**; Therefore God has blessed You forever. 3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, With Your glory and Your majesty. 4 And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things. 5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; The peoples fall under You. 6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. 8 All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad. 9 Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir. 10 Listen, O daughter, Consider and incline your ear; Forget your own people also, and your father's house; 11 So the King will greatly desire your beauty; Because He is your Lord, worship Him. 12 And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The rich among the people will seek your favor. 13 The royal daughter is all

glorious within the palace; Her clothing is woven with gold. 14 She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You. 15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought; They shall enter the King's palace. 16 Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, Whom You shall make princes in all the earth. 17 I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.

- **Sons of Korah:** Song of Love

V1 My heart is overflowing with something good to write

A Song concerning our Bridegroom King

- **Jesus:** Creator/Brother/Friend/Bridegroom/King
- **Psalm 45:** Bridegroom King

Bridegroom wed to who? To us the **Bride of Christ the Church**

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He [God] might present her to **Himself a glorious church**, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish...**31b** a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak **concerning Christ and the church.**

- **Psalm 45** Love Poem reminiscent of Song of Solomon
- **vv 2-7** Words pour forth from Bride to our Bridegroom King

1. Bridegroom King Fairer than all men **v2** Lit bright, beautiful, handsome
2. Bridegroom King w/Gracious Words **v2**

Luke 4:22 ...all bore witness to [Jesus] and marveled at the **gracious words** which proceeded out of His mouth...

3. Bridegroom King Blessed by the Father **v2**

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In **My Father's** house are many dwellings; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

4. Bridegroom King Protector of the Bride by **His Sword v3**

2 Timothy 4:1 [From Heresy] I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom [Kind'a serious?]: 2 **Preach the word!** Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Revelation 1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, **out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword**, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength...

5. Bridegroom King Majestic in Truth/Humility/Righteousness **v4** Splendor/Honor

Jude 25 ...**God our Savior**, Who alone is wise, **Be glory and majesty**, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

6. Bridegroom King Powerful/Victorious against His enemies **v5**

vv 6-7 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

- Author of Hebrews attributes these words as from the Father to the Son Jesus

Hebrews 1:8 But **to the Son He says**: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; **Therefore God**, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

This is undoubtedly one if not the most undeniable prooftexts re. the Deity of Jesus Christ in the entirety of Scripture because of who said it and what is said i.e., **God the Father declaring Jesus to be God the Son.** [NJC]

- Beautiful, scented garments taken from ivory palace **v8**

Song of Solomon 1:12 While the king is at his table, My spikenard sends forth its fragrance.

Ephesians 5:2 ...walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a **sweet-smelling aroma.**

2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 15 For we are to God the **fragrance of Christ** among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

- **vv 9-12** Invitation to forsake all for the Bridegroom King

1. Listen up/Consider these Words v 10
2. Forget your own people, i.e., Traditions

v11 Forsake all/come with nothing that the King can see only your beauty
He is Your Lord worship Him...That all will be drawn to what you have

Ruth 1:16 But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; **Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.** 17 Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me."

Song of Solomon 1:4 Draw me away! The Daughters of Jerusalem We will run after you. **The Shulamite:** The king has brought me into his chambers. **The Daughters of Jerusalem:** We will be glad and rejoice in you. We will remember your love more than wine. **The Shulamite:** Rightly do they love you.

- **People shall praise You:** Our relationship w/Jesus should draw others to Him

Psalms 45 Bride Song to the Bridegroom/King