

Rabbi's Reflections - Monday, December 8, 2025
Shalom {{firstName}},

Psalms
Psalm 40:13,14(12,13) – Part 11

Psalm 40:13 For evils beyond number surround me, my sins have overtaken me—I cannot see—they are more than the hairs of my head—and my heart fails me. 14 Adonai, please deliver me! Adonai, come quickly to help me!

I had to combine these verses. Verse 13 expresses nothing but trouble, and I couldn't end there. We must include verse 14 for the hope that the Lord will come quickly and deliver us from the trouble caused by the innumerable sins of verse 13. So, answer this first question, "Who needs deliverance?" Maybe a better first question would be, "Deliverance from what?" The answer to the second question depends on the answer to the first question. (Sounds like a line by Billy Crystal's character, Dr. Sobel, from the movie, "Analyze This?")

We all have a condition that could be described as a sin problem. Sin is present anytime we violate the will of God. And how do we know what God's will is? We read what God's will is in His testament (His Law). It is very important that we all understand we are not creating our own morality. Rather, we must accept God's standards immediately and without question.

Of course the unsaved sinner needs deliverance, but, I'm speaking now to everyone else who is already saved by grace. We all need deliverance from sin (at some level). Even the slightest sin makes one unclean. Paul said it with this analogy to the Galatians. **Galatians 5:9 A little hametz works its way through the whole batch of dough!**

Put another way, we're all in the process of sanctification. The principle, you become what you behold, applies. **1John 3:2 Loved ones, now we are God's children; and it has not yet been revealed what we will be. But we do know that when it's revealed, we shall be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.**

The rabbis have always rightly understood that no sin is tolerable in God's presence. **Jacob 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole Torah but**

stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. God's only solution was to send His Son... Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of time came, God sent out His Son, born of a woman and born under law—5 to free those under law, so we might receive adoption as sons.

There you go... we are adopted into God's family. That's the solution to the sin problem. **2Corinthians 5:21 He made the One who knew no sin to become a sin offering on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.** Shalom shalom.

Daily Bread, reading plan by Lars Enarson (<https://www.thewatchman.org/>)

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