

I. When God Changes Our Circumstances (33-35)

A. What opposes us will be reversed (33-34) - “He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, 34 a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants.”

B. What is required for us will be released (35) - “He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.”

II. When God Becomes Our Security (36-38)

A. God makes a place for us (36) - “And there he lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in;”

B. God ordains a partnership with us (37) - “They sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield.”

C. God provides a profit for us (38) - “By His blessing they multiply greatly, and He does not let their livestock diminish.”

III. When God Overcomes Our Oppressors (39-41)

A. We cannot deny the reality of trouble (39) - “When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow...”

B. We must not forget the promise of deliverance (40) - “...He pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes;”

C. We will not forsake our hope for the future (41) - “...but He raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.”

IV. When God Reacquaints Us With Certainty (42-43)

A. Our perception is sharpened (42a) - “The upright see it and are glad...”

B. Our convictions are vindicated (42b) - “...and all wickedness shuts its mouth.”

C. Our souls are instructed (43a) - “Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;”

D. Our hearts are assured (43b) - “...let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.”