

David's Answered Prayer Psalm 40 Verses 01-06

Ps 40:1 <<To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.>> I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

As we look at this psalm of David, we understand David is already a saved soul. How do we know that? Because David says, "***I waited patiently for the LORD***" and we understand that the lost do not call upon God for anything. We can apply this same principle to our own lives and see an evidence of our salvation.

Waited, and patiently, are both from the same Hebrew word qavah (pronounced; kaw-vaw') and mean: *to bind together, collect, to expect, gather together, look, patiently, tarry, wait for, on, or upon.*

What was David waiting upon? He was waiting on the answer to his prayers. He was waiting on evidence from God that he had not been cast away and lost. He desired to know the mercies of God anew.

Where was David when he prayed? He was in a terrible place, trapped amid the terrible storms of life. I believe David is saying: I saw death, and the grave, before mine eyes and I cried unto God; deliver me out of this terrible situation. Certainly, God's people can witness with this thought and principle. When do we cry out unto God with our most fervent prayers? When we are in great distress and in times of great need.

David tells us: God did answer my prayers and when he did; he lifted me up out of the horrible situation I was in; he freed me from the "miry clay" myself and my self-dependence, and the hand of those who were against me. God set me on a rock which had no instability, and upon which there was nothing to bog me down. There was no miry clay in or on this rock as was found in the pit.

"and established my goings." The word established means: *to be erect, to set up, to prepare.* Having rescued me from death and the grave; God stood me upright upon the way that he would have me to go. God opened my eyes and showed me the path he would have me to take.

We can see a picture of our salvation in this definition. How? Like David in this situation, we sometimes get into situations where it seems that death is the inevitable result. Now I ask you? What is the position of the dead? They are always laid out in horizontal position. Established means to be erect. Do you see now? We have been returned to an upright position in our deliverances from the circumstances in which we see death. We have been raised from a dead and alienated state to a vertical, upright, state in the new birth.

Every born-again sinner can witness with the thoughts of these two verses. We were enshrouded in a body of death and the grave, as well as eternal damnation, which was our destination before the new birth. Being awakened from our dead state to new life in Christ, we can now pray to God and see the revelation of this great deliverance that God showed to David. We can see clearly that Christ has indeed shed his blood for us and removed from us the great sin debt that we could not pay. He has

rescued us from the grave and stood us up upon our feet in the pathway of salvation. Praise and glory to God and Christ.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. 4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. 5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. 6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

In these verses, we see the result of being awakened to our salvation, both in our natural circumstances, and the revealing of our eternal life. Now, we can sing unto the Lord. We can now discard the songs of the world that teach "thus saith the lost man" and sing the hymns of "thus saith the Lord." Think about the words of this hymn and see, if you see, the new song that has been put in your own mouth.

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- 1 *Salvation! O the joyful sound! 'Tis pleasure to our ears; A sovereign balm for every wound, A cordial for our fears.*
- 2 *Buried in sorrow and in sin, At hell's dark door we lay; But we arise by grace divine, To see a heavenly day.*
- 3 *Salvation! let the echo fly The spacious earth around, While all the armies of the sky Conspire to raise the sound.*

Oh! What a great blessing from God to have a new song put in our mouths. Thank you, our God.

"even praise unto our God" Did you notice that David says "**our God?**" This reminds us that God didn't just save one person. God used one person, Jesus the Christ, to save a multitude that no man can number, who will be in the eternal heaven with him. Praise God! we can with faithfulness declare as David said here "**our God.**"

Now, we can have faith and trust in the finished work of salvation and eternal life wrought by Jesus Christ on our behalf. If we live out fruitful lives in Christ; others may see the change in our lives and glorify our Father in heaven.

We can now turn from trusting in our own works, or the works of mankind, for eternal salvation. We can now with faith trust solely in Jesus Christ and his finished work.

We now begin to understand; the multitude of blessings bestowed upon us, by this gift of salvation by grace, which cannot be numbered. Though we would desire to declare them, they are so numerous it would be impossible to tell of them all. I dare say; we don't even recognize most of the blessings of God in our lives because we take so many things for granted, which we should not do. Yet, we should use every opportunity to proclaim what great things God has done in our lives, by word of mouth, and through songs of praise.

Now we can see it is not burnt offerings, and burnt sacrifices, which bring about salvation in our lives. Consider this thought: Did Jesus offer himself as a burnt offering? The answer is no. He did offer himself on the cross and there shed his blood for the remission of our sins. Thus, we understand; the only thing that can save us, and has saved us, is this precious gift of salvation by grace. This gift is from God to us through the atonement for sins found only in Jesus Christ.

Not only has God raised us up from the pit, and set our feet upon the Rock, Jesus Christ, but also, Jesus, while incarnate, established the church, in which we may enjoy the blessings of salvation on earth. The church is a place where the "**our God**" people can gather and sing, and pray, and praise, and worship the name of our eternal Redeemer.

One final reminder: Christ saves us out of (brings us through) all our trials, troubles, tribulations. When we can see no way to be saved, we, like David, can then turn to God and pray. David said "***I waited patiently for the LORD***" and we, like David wait patiently for that glorious day when we shall be raised, in the final resurrection, in our new, incorruptible, immortal, bodies and meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Praise and glory to God for this precious gift! Praise and glory to God for the Rock of our salvation! Praise and glory to God for the surety of our salvation in Christ Jesus! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!