

Psalms Chapter 40 Verses 5-17; The Wonderful Works Of God

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

Ps 40:5 "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."

King David could look back in his life and see many wonderful works that God had done in his life, because David was in God's favor. David freely admits; I cannot number the many wonderful deliverances which You have made in my life. I believe that every child of God can witness with David in this, as they look back over their lives and see how God has delivered them repeatedly. Likewise, we should, as David is doing, tell of the wonderful works of God that are manifested in our lives.

"if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." Here we see Jesus again, as we are told in scripture in **Joh 21:25 "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."** Just a reminder, that even with all the blessings of God we can remember, they are but a drop in the bucket of God's thoughts to usward. (Thoughts, as used here, means; *plan or purpose*) What is God's plan or purpose for his people? To bring glory and honor to God's name on earth, and to praise Him in eternity.

6 ¶ "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required."

Surely, king David knew of Saul's failure to obey God, which finally brought about his death, and brought to fruition David being anointed king over Israel. God told Saul, through Samuel, in **Sa 15:22 "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."** David knew this: but David also knew this by experience. Any time that David did not obey God; God sent trials and tribulations, in abundance, in his life, until David was humbled before God and serving him faithfully again. God has surely revealed Jesus to us, as the one true sacrifice for sin. Since there is no more sacrifice to be made for sin, we are left with obedience to God, and his Word, as our portion of worship to God, here in time.

"Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire;" This is a prophesy of the fulfilling of the sacrificial law by Jesus. It was not God's desire that Adam would sin and pass on to all mankind an inherited sin nature. Adam's sin would require the sacrifice of God's Son, for the sin of all who are to be saved eternally. What do you mean? God knew that man would fall in sin, and the sacrifice of his Son would be required, but it was not something that God desired to do. We see this in **Heb 10:6 "In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure."**

What is the hardest thing that God ever had to do? To turn his back upon, and withdraw himself from, Jesus on the cross, which was necessary so that Jesus, the man in a prepared, sinless, mortal, body, would die a mortal death. Thus, we can conclude; David is prophesying of the coming of Jesus, not as a burnt offering for sin, but a blood offering for the remission of sins, to come through Jesus's sacrifice of himself on the cross, which would end the sacrificial law. Thus, we see; obedience to God, and faith in the finished work of Jesus, are the things that bring us humbly before God, and make us willing to do what he requires of us.

Thank you, King Jesus, for ensuring that we will spend eternity with you in the immortal heaven, Hallelujah!

7 "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. 9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. 10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation."

David understood that his name was written in the book of life, and therefore, he was willing to humbly submit his life to God, for he told us in **Ps 138:8 "The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth forever: forsake not the works of thine own hands."** He was willing to do whatsoever God required of him. David was especially prepared to declare the righteousness of God to all Israel, and anyone else

who would listen. This should be our hearts' desire when we understand that we have been born again, and we know that our names are in the Lamb's Book of Life.

This is certainly a prophesy of the first coming of Jesus Christ to this earth. Jesus fulfilled all these items when He was on the earth. Jesus came as was prophesied by the bible. Jesus came because he delighted to do the will of his Father, God. The law of God was within Jesus, and was Jesus, because Jesus was the Word, and He preached righteousness to all, by words and actions. Jesus did not withhold his lips from preaching the truth of God. He hid not God's righteousness, for it was his own righteousness. Jesus declared the faithfulness of God the Father, and the salvation of God by the grace of God, not through the works of man, but through himself, seen in **Joh 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."** Jesus revealed the lovingkindness of God, and the truth of God, to all the great congregation.

What is defined by the great congregation? For king David: it is all those of Israel who would be saved. For us today: it is all the Gentiles that will be saved by God's grace. These two groups make up the great congregation.

"I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation." What is the loving kindness and the truth of God? It is defined in Jesus Christ and his coming to this world and giving His life for all the sheep that God the Father had given Him to save. If you have been born again and have eternal salvation by the grace of God, then you have within you the truth of God, because Jesus is the Truth of God defined in **Joh 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."**

As we are commanded to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus, seen in **Lu 9:23 "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."** Thus, it is enjoined upon us to yield the same fruit as Jesus in our lives here on earth, as commanded in **Ga 5:22-26; 22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."** If we live our Christian life like this, we fulfill what is written of us, which is to bring glory to the name of God on earth, and through the finished work of Jesus, we will praise God continually in eternity.

11 ¶ "Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me. 12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me. 13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me."

Now, David turns to prayer for the continual preservation of his life, from the evils of the world around him. David prays for forgiveness of his sins, which he says are innumerable. He declares that when I see my sins before mine eyes, my heart faints, and I need you, Oh God! to deliver me from them, and that very quickly, lest they drag me down into the miry pit, and I lose sight of Thee.

Every Child of God can witness with these feelings that David is expressing. Why? Because our adversary, the devil, is continually bringing our past sins before us, tempting us to take our eyes off of God. It is times such as these, that we must remember the finished work of Jesus, which will bolster our faith and trust in God, as well as pray for the deliverance of God in our lives.

14 "Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil. 15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha."

David prays to God that his enemies will be confounded and put to shame for trying to overthrow him. David asks God to bring desolation and shame upon those who seek his hurt. David says that they rise up and cry **"Aha, aha,"** and they do not know thy great loving kindness to me, nor thy great power of destruction of both body and soul in hell. David is asking God to reveal Himself to them, so they will be ashamed and confounded.

"let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil." Here we see prophetically what happened when Judas betrayed Jesus in the garden, seen in **Joh 18:4-6; 4 "Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? 5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. 6 As soon**

then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground." Oh! how they cried "*Aha, aha,*" as Jesus submitted himself to be crucified, and to suffer all their castigations against him.

16 "Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified. 17 But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God."

Again, king David gives us instruction for living the life of a child of God in the New Testament Church. We are instructed to praise God continuously, which if we do will fulfill the first great commandment, ***Mt 22:37*** "***Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.***" David tells us that if we do this, we will rejoice, and be glad in Jesus, and will magnify the name of the LORD.

David still confesses the weakness of his sinful flesh nature, but he remembers that God thinks upon him, as a son of God. He remembers that God is his help and deliverer. David asks God to come quickly to his aid, for if the Lord does not come quickly, he knows he will be drowned, in the miry clay of the horrible pit, and he will no longer be able to praise God before the great congregation.

Surely, we can all witness with king David in this, and we can with the joy of God's salvation in our hearts, say, Hallelujah! Amen!