

Palmetto Baptist Church – March 31, 2019

Whatever it takes! Understanding the submission of King Jesus – Psalm 40 / Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46; John 17

Background:

To the choirmaster: A Psalm of David.

- Whatever it takes! Understanding the submission of King David as a foreshadow of the submission of King Jesus.

The Fruit of Submission (Psalm 40:1-15)

- **DISCIPLINE (1-3)**
- **DESIRE (4-8)**
- **DECLARATION (9-10)**
- **DEPENDENCE (11-15)**

The Model of Submission

- **KING DAVID (16-17)**
- **KING JESUS (Hebrews 10; The Gospels)**

The Fruit of Submission (Psalm 40:1-15)

- **The Discipline of one who is submitted (1-3)**
 - Practice the spiritual discipline of prayer. [Prayer]
- **The Desire of one who is submitted. (4-8)**
 - Enjoy a relationship with God that is real and personal. [Bible Study / Scripture memory]
 - Note the contrast between going through the motions of making sacrifices and offerings and choosing to submit to God (Psalm 51:16-17; Proverbs 21:3-4; I Sam. 15:22-23)

Psalm 51:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Proverbs 21:3-4 (ESV)

³To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

⁴Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp[Ⓢ] of the wicked, are sin.

1 Samuel 15:22-23 (ESV)

²²And Samuel said,

“Has 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 listen than the fat of rams.
²³For rebellion is as the sin of divination,
and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
he has also rejected you from being king.”

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 - Parallel passage: Romans 1:1 “Paul, a servant (bond-servant) of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God...”
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- **The Declaration from one who is submitted. (9-10)**

- Proclaim God’s goodness to those around you. [Gospel Proclamation]
 - Regarding what God has done and who He is.

- **The Dependence of one who is submitted. (11-15)**

- Preach the Gospel to yourself. [Gospel Meditation]
 - Your mercy is more! (11-12)
 - You love and faithfulness ever preserves me. (11)
 - The curse of sin is ever before me. (12)
 - Seen in my enemies.
 - Seen in myself.
 - Your grace is greater! (13-15)
 - You alone offer eternal salvation. (13)
 - You alone bring ultimate vindication. (14)
 - You alone bring lasting conviction. (15)

The Fruit of Submission (Psalm 40:1-15)

The Model of Submission (Psalm 40:16-17)

- **The Display of one who is submitted. (16-17) – example of King David**
 - Discipline (16a) “may all who seek you...”

- Delight (16b) “rejoice and be glad in you”
- Declaration (16c) “may those who love your salvation say continually, ‘Great is the LORD.’”
- Dependence (17) “As for me, I am poor and needy...”
 - “but the Lord takes thought for me...” (The answer is found in a relationship with God that is real and personal.)
 - “You are my help and my deliverer...” (You are the only way, truth, and life. – John 14:6)
 - “Do not delay, O my God!” (To you alone will I cry!)

Ultimately modeling through the example of King Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane:

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 - Hebrews 10:5: “but a body have you prepared for me...”
 - David = I was made in your image (crafted just the way you wanted) with ears to listen to your voice.
 - Parallel passage: Romans 12:1-2
 - Jesus = I was made “man” or given a body (incarnation) in order to offer it as the once for all sacrifice for the elect.

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APPLICATION:

- **Are you bearing the fruit of submission?**
 - Discipline
 - Delight
 - Declaration
 - Dependence
- **What area of your life do you need to surrender today?**
 - Romans 12:1-2