

Psalm 40 — “Living a Life of Full-Devotion to God”*Background to Psalm 40*

- David authored & penned this as a **“Psalm”** [plucking for music]
- For the choir director (Ps 41 heading)
- Psalm 40:13-17 is IDENTICAL TO PSALM 70:1-5

THESIS — Living a life of full devotion to God has the following 5 evidences

(Seen in David *and* in the Greater David, the Lord Jesus Christ)

I. YOU TRUST (1-4)

To wait on God (vv.1-2) includes:

1. patient endurance — over a long time
2. expectant anticipation — believing God will deliver

II. YOU THINK (5)

the “wonders” of God

the “thoughts” of God

the “incomparability” of God

III. YOU TREASURE (6-8)

Observe how Hebrews 10:5-7 applies Psalm 40:6-8 to Jesus in his incarnation.

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“Here we enter upon one of the most wonderful passages in the whole of the Old Testament, a passage in which the incarnate Son of God is seen not through a glass darkly, but as it were face to face.” (Spurgeon)

- Jesus came to hear God’s Will = note the open ear (Isaiah 50:4-6)
- And he came to do God’s will with a prepared body (in his incarnation)
- He came to do the father’s will because the Word was in his heart (John 4.34)
- And, like Christ, if you delight in God’s Word, you will delight in God’s will (Psalm 1)

IV. YOU TELL (9-10)

See the “*inclusio*” - “the great congregation” and everything sandwiched between these phrases (v.9a, 10b)

V. YOU TRAVAIL (11-17)

The BURDEN of iniquities. (11-12)

The BEGGING for deliverance (13-17)

When the great Judge of all thinks of the justified ones, he thinks of thee. O Christian, can you grasp the thought? The Eternal Father thinks of you!” (Spurgeon)

Living a life of full devotion/consecration to God will impact

- how you spend your time.
- whom you seek to please.
- how you dress in modesty
- how you speak in praises/testimonies of God
- how you meditate on Scripture.
- how you wait on God trustingly.
- how you marvel at God’s love/thoughts for you

David Brainerd said...

- Oh, for holiness! Oh, for more of God in my soul! Oh, this pleasing pain! It makes my soul press after God.
- Let me forget the world and be swallowed up in the desire to glorify God.
- Oh, that I could spend every moment of my life to God's glory!

SONGS

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (Psalm 130)

1. Out of the depths I cry to You;
From darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew,
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

2. Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze –
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied.*

3. So put Your hope in God alone,
Take courage in His power to save;
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave.

4. His steadfast love has made a way,
And God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in his sacrifice.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
For Your love is my delight.*

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PSALM 40: PSALTER*Tune: How sweet & awful is the place*

1. I waited for the Lord my God, I waited patiently; (1)
And He in mercy heard my cry; inclined His ear to me.
2. He brought me up out of the pit, out from the miry clay; (2)
He set my feet upon a rock, there firm to stand and stay.
4. How bless'd the one who trusts the Lord, who looks not to the proud; (4)
Nor to the ones who turn aside to false gods all around.
6. An off'ring You have not required, but rather pierced my ears; (6)
Burnt off'ring You have not desired, but rather, one who hears.
7. And so I said, "Behold, I come; it is prescribed for me (7)
within Your scroll to do Your will; Your law is deep in me." (8)
10. I've not concealed Your steadfast love, Your faithfulness of old;
To the assembly gathered round, I've Your salvation told.
13. Be pleased, O Lord, to save me and come quickly to my aid; (13)
For many seek to take my life—let them now be dismayed. (14)

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1. REVERENCE (9a)
 - Our Father
 - Who is in heaven
2. RESPONSE (9-10)
 - Let your name be holy
 - Let your kingdom come
 - Let your will be done (on earth as it is in heaven)
3. REQUEST (11-12)
 - Give us this day our daily bread
 - Forgive us our debts
4. READINESS (13)
 - Do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the Evil One