

LESSONS FROM PSALMS FORTY

Scripture: Psalm 40:1-17

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Introduction:

- A. This is a Psalm of David. It seems to follow hard on the heels of the 39th Psalm and continuing the basic thoughts.
 - B. In the 39th David was pleading with the Lord to hear his cry. The 40th begins with a acknowledgment that the Lord did hear his cry.
 - C. The time seems to have been when David was reeling from the chastening hand of God as Absalom was about to take his kingdom from him.
 - D. There are some mighty lessons to be learned and practiced
- I. LEARN THAT MANY ARE THE TROUBLES AND PITFALLS THAT FACE THE PEOPLE OF GOD. vs. 2,12,14,15
- A. Verse 2 speaks of an horrible pit and its miry clay.
 1. This could be the pit of the Adamic sin which all have .
 2. Most likely it referred to how David felt as the hand of God fell on him following his awful sin.
 3. There is very likely no one who feels worse than a child of God who has fallen into deep sin and is being chastised by the hand of God.
 - B. Verse 12 speaks of the way we feel when the weight of our sin takes hold as we view our lives in the light of God's Word.
 - C. Verse 14 and 15 seem to speak of those who sometimes try to destroy the lives of the people of God as Absalom was.
- II. LEARN THAT GOD NEVER CEASES TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT HIS PEOPLE. vs. 5, 17, 1-3
- A. Verse 5 speaks of the thoughts of God that are to usward.
 - B. Verse 17 points out that after all our problems and failures, "Yet the Lord thinketh upon me." I like the song...WHILE HE WAS ON THE CROSS, I WAS ON HIS MIND.
 - C. When we cry out to God, He inclines His ear unto us and He hears us. v. 1
 - D. He will bring His people up out of an horrible pit. He will set our feet upon a Rock. He will establish our goings. v. 2
- III. LEARN WHAT OUR LORD REALLY WANTS FROM HIS PEOPLE. vs. 6, 8-10, 13
- A. Not sacrifices and offerings nor burnt offerings and sin offerings. v. 6
 - B. He wants US... each of us to obey Him in a surrendered life.
 1. As Samuel told Saul, "It is better to obey than to sacrifice." v.6
 2. "mine ears hast thou opened" refers to a practice set forth under the Law of Moses. (Ex. 21:6)
 3. What the Lord wants is a Master—slave relationship. I Cor. 6:19,20
 - C. For us to DELIGHT to do His will. v.8
 1. Jesus came to do the Father's will.
 2. We are to follow the example Christ Jesus set.
 - D. Verses 9 and 10 The Lord expects His people to:
 1. Preach the righteousness of God.
 2. Preach the faithfulness of God.
 3. Preach the salvation of God.
 4. Preach the lovingness kindness of God.
 5. Preach the truth of God.

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E. He wants us to depend on Him for all of needs in life. v.13

IV. LEARN WHAT WILL BE THE RESULTS OF GOD'S PEOPLE FULFILLING GOD'S WILL IN OUR LIVES.

A. God's people will be happy. vs. 4,16

1. Blessed or happy is the man who maketh the Lord his trust.
2. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad in Thee,

B. Such people will be a singing and praising people. v.3

C. Such people will be a sharing people—sharing the truths of God's Word with those around us. vs. 9,10

D. God will be magnified. v.16

E. Others will see and fear and trust in the Lord. v.3