



Look To Your LORD

Psalm 40:1-17

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The Text: Psalm 40:1-17

¹I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. ⁴Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! ⁵You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. ⁶In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. ⁷Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: ⁸I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." ⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. ¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. ¹¹As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! ¹²For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. ¹³Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me! ¹⁴Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! ¹⁵Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!" ¹⁶But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!" ¹⁷As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

Notes

Sunday Text Questions for Psalm 40:1-17 (“I Will Build My Church” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: Would you describe yourself as a patient person when waiting on the Lord?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) In reference to v. 2, describe a scenario in which you felt like you were in a pit?
- 4) Describe a scenario in which God lifted you out of a pit?
- 5) How did this cause you to speak of God’s praise in new ways?
- 6) In light of v. 4, what are some moments in your life that you have been tempted to chase the lie rather than trusting in God?
- 7) In vv. 6-7, what do we learn about the heart of God?
- 8) What would it look like for you to credit God like the psalmist does in vv. 9-10?
- 9) Where in your life do you need the Lord’s deliverance?