

PSALM 41 – The Blessing and the Suffering of the Godly!

4/23/22 – Sat. Morn. Prayer - P. Twente, 714 425-9221; ptwente@gmail.com www.ptwente.com

Vs. 1 - The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

HE IS ABLE TO DELIVER THEE – William Ogden

'Tis the grandest theme through the ages rung; 'Tis the grandest theme for a mortal tongue;

'Tis the grandest theme that the world e'er sung, "Our God is able to deliver thee."

Refrain: He is able to deliver thee, He is able to deliver thee;

Though by sin oppressed, go to Him for rest; "Our God is able to deliver thee."

'Tis the grandest theme in the earth or main; 'Tis the grandest theme for a mortal strain;

'Tis the grandest theme, tell the world again, "Our God is able to deliver thee." (Refrain)

'Tis the grandest theme, let the tidings roll, To the guilty heart, to the sinful soul;

Look to God in faith, He will make thee whole, "Our God is able to deliver thee." (Refrain)

Psalm 41 is the last Psalm in the first Book of Psalms. It is a Psalm of great suffering and illness. It is a Messianic psalm meaning it has a prophecy concerning Jesus. It is a reminder of God's heart toward the poor! *Verses 1-3* describe the mercies which are promised to such as consider the poor. This he uses as a preface to his own personal pleas for help. From *verses 4-9*, he states his own case. He proceeds to prayer in *verse ten*, and closes with thanksgiving, *verses 11-13*.

PSALM 41 - O Lord, Be Gracious to Me

Psa 41:1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. Blessed is he who considers the poor

(helpless or powerless); The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

- Throughout the Psalms and Proverbs there are many Psalms and Proverbs that relate to the poor. I think that this is not as in the previous psalm "poor in spirit" but I think that this is just a person who is poor or in poverty.
- The Bible says, "He that lends to the poor lends to the Lord". We should be concerned with those who are poor.
- *The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.* That is given to us throughout Scripture. The LORD looks graciously on those who remember the less fortunate, speaking specifically of the orphan and the widow.

Psa 41:2 The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, And he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

Psa 41:3 The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain (restore) him on his sickbed.

- The idea is that You will restore health! (*Isa 58:8*) *Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.*

Psa 41:4 I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

- David begins to talk about suffering and betrayal.
- *Heal my soul.* He feels his affliction deep within, not just within his frame.
- *For I have sinned against You.* He admits his sin!

Psa 41:5 My enemies speak evil of me: "When will he die, and his name perish?"

- Poor David, he was a melancholy no doubt. He was so harassed by his enemies, and they were very bitter enemies. They were just waiting for him to die, his name to perish.

Psa 41:6 And if he comes to see me, he speaks lies (empty words); His heart gathers iniquity to itself; When he goes out, he tells it.

- When the people come, they pretend their concern. They are phony. They do not really care. They leave saying, it is about time, this king is going to die.

Psa 41:7 All who hate me whisper together against me; Against me they devise (plot) my hurt.

- He talks about the traitors and their conversation. They are plotting against me.

Psa 41:8 "An evil disease (a thing of Belial)," they say, "clings to him. And now that he lies down, he will rise up no more."

- David, apparently, is deathly sick! They are rejoicing, saying, he will rise no more. He is done!

Psa 41:9 Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

- It is a prophecy concerning Ahithophel, a close friend, a gifted and valued counselor of David's. Ahithophel remains bitter at David, because of David's violating Bathsheba, Ahithophel's granddaughter. We see bitterness destroying Ahithophel. (***Joh 13:18***) *"I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS BREAD WITH ME HAS LIFTED UP (acted as a traitor) HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.'* We notice in quoting this Psalm, Jesus, does not refer to Himself trusting Judas.
- David and Ahithophel must both have felt this betrayal against each other!
- It is also a prophecy concerning the betrayal of Judas Iscariot. Jesus, when he spoke of one of His disciples betraying Him, made reference to this as a prophecy. David admits his sin, but he pleads to God for His mercy.

Psa 41:10 But You, O LORD, be merciful to me, and raise me up, That I may repay them.

- David admits his sin, but he pleads, prays, to God for His mercy.

Psa 41:11 By this I know that You are well pleased with me, Because my enemy does not triumph over me.

- LORD, this is how I know Your favor is upon me! I am still alive. I am not dead. I am not happy about my circumstances, but obviously, LORD, You are preserving me!

Psa 41:12 As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And set me before Your face forever.

- LORD, I am always within Your view. You never forget about me!

Psa 41:13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

- This brings us to the end of book one of the Psalms. Each of the books of the Psalms ends with the "Amen, and Amen" but the "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen (41:13). Book One is over.
- It is the proper conclusion to all of the forty-one Psalms. It is the doxology.

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS Hoffman/Showalter - T4G Live IV (2:54)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! (Refrain)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

I have peace complete with my Lord so near, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! (Refrain)

FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS: -

Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation, including: Xi Jinping – China; Narendra Modi- India; Joe Biden – USA; Joko Widodo - Indonesia; Jair Bolsonaro - Brazil; Arif Alvi - Pakistan; Muhammadu Buhari - Nigeria; Hasina Wazed - Bangladesh; Vladimir Putin- Russia; Lopez Obrador – Mexico; Naftali Bennett – Israel; Olaf Scholtz – Germany; Boris Johnson – U.K.; Kim Jong-un – North Korea; Yoon Suk Yeol– South Korea.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL: