

Monday, 15 April 2013

Psalm 40:1-3

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He 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.

Out of the miry bog, the Slough of Despond, onto the Rock of Salvation, a new song in my mouth, the Song of the Almighty, and clothed me in His righteousness. And others will be drawn to Him when they see the great transformation in me. Praise You, my Lord and Master.

Tuesday, 16 April 2013

Psalm 40:4-5

Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You 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.

How much clearer could it be, Lord, Your blessings are reserved for those who trust in You; they are not wasted on those whose trust is in the proud and purveyors of falsehoods. It is also clear that Your blessings are lavish and without limit. There is none more wondrous or more generous than You are towards Your people.

Wednesday, 17 April 2013

Psalm 40:6-8

In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

Obedience is the sacrifice You desire, a sacrifice of joy and in joy, a sacrifice of pleasure and in pleasure, a delightful sacrifice. To know Your statutes and to delight in the obedience, to understand Your statutes and to live according to them is that sacrifice that delights You and You respond with an open ear.

Thursday, 18 April 2013

Psalm 40:9-10

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. I 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.

Lord, You know I have no problem speaking of Your great love and mercy before great congregations, I can and do speak of Your deliverance, of Your faithfulness and Your salvation. But it is in the very small groups with those I love the most, my own family that I hold my tongue. Why, Lord, why? Forgive me and transform me.

Friday, 19 April 2013

Psalm 40:11-12

As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! For 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.

When the focus of my mind's eye becomes my sins and iniquities, I am consumed with guilt, rampant evil and self-centeredness, but You call me to keep my thoughts on You, to see the great sacrifice and to trust in Your goodness.

Saturday, 20 April 2013

Psalm 40:13-16

Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me! Let 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! Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!" But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

Lord, thank You for the many around me who are quick to acknowledge Your greatness, whose speech is filled with praises and the awareness of Your goodness. What an encouragement to be with friends who prepare me for ministry to those who do not acknowledge You or who seek destroy those who love and honor You. Praise You, Lord.

Lord's Day, 21 April 2013

Psalm 119:90

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

The generations of men who have been recipients of Your faithfulness: Grandpa Spence, Dad, myself, Tony. Will it continue through the generations of my children and grandchildren? Not that You do not offer and make it available but will they accept? Please, Lord, help me a sinner.

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