

Waiting on God

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Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

• Andrew Murray: "True patience is the losing of our self-will in His perfect will."

Psalm 40:2-4 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. **3** He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. **4** Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Genesis 22:9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

• In order to truly trust in God, confidence in all that is self must be laid upon the altar.

Psalm 40:5 Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

• Draw strength from the past victories that God has done in your life.

Psalm 40:6-8 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened[c]—burnt offerings and sin offerings[d] you did not require. **7** Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll.[e] **8** I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

• The only thing that will sustain you in when waiting upon God is time alone with God.

Psalm 40:9-15 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know. **10** *I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.* **11** *Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.* **12** *For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.* **13** *Be pleased to save me, Lord; come quickly, Lord, to help me.* **14** *May all who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.* **15** *May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame.*

• Our need for deliverance is continuous, and God will continuously and faithfully supply it.

Psalm 40:16-17 But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The Lord is great!" **17** But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

• Sometimes in our waiting the greatest challenge is simply keeping our eyes fixed on God.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

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