

DELIVERED

Psalm 40

We ought to be delighted when God delivers.

I. THE FACTS OF DELIVERANCE (1-4)

A. DAVID'S AWFUL CONDITION (1-2)

1. Stuck (2)
 - a. In sewage: The pit of destruction
 - b. In slime: The miry clay
2. Waiting (1)
 - a. "Patiently" is better translated "expectantly" or "with eagerness"
 - b. David was not waiting in exasperation but with expectation of God's deliverance

B. GOD'S MERCIFUL ACTIONS (1-3)

1. Leaning: He inclined to David
2. Hearing: God never turns a deaf ear to the cry of a sincere believer - See Jer. 33:3
3. Lifting: Bringing David up from the muck
4. Placing: Setting David's feet on a firm foundation
5. Inspiring: Putting a new praise song in David's mouth

C. THE ONLOOKER'S LIFE-CHANGING REACTIONS (3b-4)

1. They see: The public become aware of God's deliverance
2. They fear: Demonstrating an honorable reverence, respect and regard for a God like this
3. They trust: The watchers demonstrate a reliance upon God

II. THE RESPONSE OF THE DELIVERED (5-10)

A. ADMIRATION (5) * Telling God how great He is

1. God's Works
 - a. Wonderful: Extraordinary, marvelous
 - b. Thoughtful: Purposeful in their design, plans or intentions - See Jer. 29:11
2. God's Ways
 - Incomparable and innumerable

B. DEVOTION (6-8) * Telling God of your intentions

1. Discerning Worship (6)
 - a. Not just external actions
 - b. From one whose ears are pierced (opened) [see Ex. 21:16 and Deut. 15:17]

Over please >

2. Delightful Surrender (7-8)
 - a. Committed to all that is in God's Word (7)
 - b. Committed to obedience (8a)
 - c. Committed to memorizing and meditating on God's Word (8b)

C. PROCLAMATION (9-10) * Telling others about your God

1. Heralding Cheerfully (9)
 - a. Publically and passionately celebrating righteousness
 - b. Personally committed to not quitting this type of cheering
2. Hiding Nothing (10)
 - a. Revealing God's faithfulness and salvation
 - b. Not concealing God's lovingkindness and truth

III. **THE POSITION OF THE DELIVERED** (11-17)

A. CONFIDENT AMID CORRUPTION (11-12)

1. The Confidence (11)
 - a. God will preserve me
 - b. You will constantly guard and protect me
2. The Contaminants (12)
 - External and internal

B. PRAYERFUL WHEN ATTACKED (13-15)

1. Deliver me (13) > Please come quickly to my aid
2. Deal with them (14-15)

C. INSTRUCTIVE TO THE GODLY (16)

1. Encouraging them: Let the seekers be glad in God
2. Exhorting them: Let the saved be glorifying God

D. INTUITIVE ABOUT TROUBLE (17)

1. His Situation: Afflicted and needy (or overwhelmed and oppressed)
2. His Summons: Be mindful of me
3. His Salvation: You are my Help and Deliverer
4. His Shout: Come quick!

CONCLUSION: Notice how verse 17 is similar to verse 1

1. The cycle repeats
 - Disaster > Deliverance > Declaration > Devotion
2. The reality is that we daily need deliverance
3. Our response should be to daily devote ourselves to and depend upon God