

PSALM 40

¹ For the end, A Psalm of David.

I waited patiently for the Lord; and He attended to me, and heard my supplication.

² And He brought me up out of a pit of misery, and from miry clay; and He set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps.

³ And He put a new song into my mouth, *even* a hymn to our God; many shall see *it* and fear, and shall hope in the Lord.

⁴ Blessed *is* the man whose hope is in the name of the Lord, and *who* has not regarded vanities, nor turned aside to lies.

⁵ O Lord my God, You have multiplied Your wonderful works, and in Your thoughts there is none who shall be likened to You; I declared and spoke *of them*; they exceeded in number.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; but a body You have prepared for me; burnt offering and *sacrifice* for sin You did not require.

⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the volume of the book it is written of me,

⁸ I desired to do Your will, O my God, and Your law in the midst of my heart." ⁹ I have preached righteousness in the great congregation; lo! I will not refrain my lips; O Lord, You know my righteousness.

¹⁰ I have not hid Your truth within my heart, and I have declared Your salvation; I have not hid Your mercy and Your truth from the great congregation.

¹¹ But You, O Lord, do not remove Your compassion far from me; Your mercy and Your truth have helped me continually.

¹² For innumerable evils have encompassed me; my transgressions have taken hold of me, and I could not see; they are multiplied more than the hairs of my head; and my heart has failed me.

¹³ Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, draw near to help me.

¹⁴ Let those that seek my soul, to destroy it, be ashamed and confounded together; let those that wish me evil be turned backward and put to shame.

¹⁵ Let those that say to me, "Aha, aha," quickly receive shame for their reward. ¹⁶ Let all those that seek You, O Lord, exalt and rejoice in You; and let them that love Your salvation say continually, "The Lord be magnified!"

¹⁷ But I am poor and needy; the Lord will take care of me; You are my helper, and my defender, O my God; do not delay.