

Slide content for Psalm 40 “Blessing and Waiting”

Outline:

- 1) I waited... He delivered
  
- 2) Your deliverance is not just for you

**2Chr. 14:9** Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and 300 chariots, and came as far as Mareshah. <sup>10</sup> And Asa went out to meet him, and they drew up their lines of battle in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. <sup>11</sup> And Asa cried to the LORD his God, “O LORD, there is none like you to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O LORD, you are our God; let not man prevail against you.”

**2Chr. 16:7** At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, “Because you relied on the king of Syria, and did not rely on the LORD your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you. <sup>8</sup> Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on the LORD, he gave them into your hand. <sup>9</sup> For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.” <sup>10</sup> Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in the stocks in prison, for he was in a rage with him because of this. And Asa inflicted cruelties upon some of the people at the same time.

**2Chr. 16:11** The acts of Asa, from first to last, are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. <sup>12</sup> In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet, and his disease became severe. Yet even in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but sought help from physicians

- 3) He wants your heart; he’s given you his

Alec Motyer, “David means that *in this case* divine deliverance is so wonderful that (mere) offering could not match what Yahweh would wish: nothing but total self-dedication could suffice. He is not commenting on the sacrificial system as such, but assessing what is suitable in response to verses 1-2.”

James Luther Mays, “It is not the self-righteous claim of a confident legalist. It is an offering of praise for salvation, and what is even more important, it is the confession of a transformation of the self [wrought] by salvation. Where human desire and will are conformed to divine pleasure and instruction, the purpose of praise through sacrifice and song has been incorporated into the very processes of the self. The true thanksgiving for salvation is witness and will.”

**Heb. 10:**<sup>4</sup> For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

<sup>8</sup> When he said above,

“You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

<sup>10</sup> And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

4) As for you...

5) As for me...

6) Please do not delay!