

# Treasure Hunt

- How are the two halves of Psalm 40 different?
- How are they joined together?
- To what event may the first half refer, and where is it described?
- What events do 40:6, 7 recall?
- How do David's experiences in Psalms 69 and 40 anticipate the life of our Lord?
- What earlier Psalm serves as the pattern for Psalm 41?
- What element in Psalm 41 does not fit this pattern?
- What request in Psalm 41 is clarified by this difference?
- What experience in Psalm 41 anticipates the life of our Lord?

# Structure of Psalm 40

Psalm 40: Past Deliverance  
gives Future Confidence

1-10, **Thanks** for past deliverance (Ps 69)

- 1-3, Trust, Salvation, Service, Praise
- 4-10, Trust, Salvation, Service, Praise

10-11, God's saving attributes

- 10, Righteousness, Faithfulness, Salvation, Lovingkindness, Truth
- 11, Tender mercies, Lovingkindness, Truth

11-17, **Lament** for future deliverance

- 11, **Plea**
- 12, **Self**: Complaint and confession
- 13, **Plea**
- 14-16, **Others**: Imprecation and Blessing
- 17a, **Self**: Confidence
- 17b, **Plea**

# Two Cycles in 40:1-10

Theme	vv. 1-3	vv. 4-10
Trust in time of trouble	1a I <b>waited patiently</b> for the LORD;	4 Blessed <i>is</i> that man that maketh the LORD his <b>trust</b> ,
The Lord delivers his saint ...	1b and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2a He <b>brought me up</b> also out of an horrible pit, ...	5 Many, O LORD my God, <i>are thy wonderful works which</i> thou hast done, and thy thoughts <i>which are</i> to us-ward:
... to serve him ...	2b <i>and established my goings.</i>	6-8 (David takes the throne)
... and praise him.	3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, <i>even praise</i> unto our God: <b>many shall see</b> ...	9-10 I have <b>preached</b> righteousness in the <b>great congregation</b>

# References for Ps 40: 2, 6

2 He brought me up also out of an horrible **pit בור**, out of the **miry clay טיט הַיִּוֹן**, and set my feet upon a rock

Psa 69:1 Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul. 2 I sink in deep **mire יוֹן**, where *there is* no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. ... 14 Deliver me out of **the mire טיט**, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. 15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not **the pit בְּאֵר** shut her mouth upon me.

6 **Sacrifice זבח** and offering מנחה thou didst not desire; **mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering עולה** and sin offering חטאה hast thou not required.

1Sa 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in **burnt offerings עולה** and **sacrifices זבח**, as in **obeying** the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

# History and Prophecy in Psalms 40 and 69

	<b>History (linear)</b>	<b>Prophecy (chiastic)</b>
Ps 69, lament, prayer for delivery from the deep mire	David pursued by Saul	Our Lord's life and passion
40:1-10 thanks for delivery from mire, announcement of kingship	David ascends to the throne in 2 Samuel 2-6	Our Lord celebrates his resurrection and exaltation
40:11-17 lament, prayer for delivery from treachery	David flees from Absalom	Mockery

# References for Ps 40:7-10

7 Then said I, Lo, I come:  
in the volume of the book  
*it is written of me,*

Deu 17:18 And it shall  
be, when he sitteth  
upon the throne of his  
kingdom, that he shall  
write him a copy of this  
law in a book out of that  
which is before the  
priests the Levites: 19  
And it shall be with him,  
and he shall read  
therein all the days of  
his life: that he may  
learn to fear the LORD  
his God, to keep all the  
words of this law and  
these statutes, to do  
them:

vv. 6-8

Heb 10:4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls  
and of goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore when  
he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and  
offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou  
prepared me: 6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin  
thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in  
the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will,  
O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering  
and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest  
not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered  
by the law; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O  
God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the  
second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through  
the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

9-10, the **great congregation**

Psa 22:25 My praise *shall be* of thee in the **great  
congregation**: I will pay my vows before them that fear  
him.

Psa 35:18 I will give thee thanks in the **great  
congregation**: I will praise thee among much people.

# Psalm 41 and Psalm 1

	Psalm 1	Psalm 41
Condition for blessing	1 <b>Blessed</b> is the man that walketh not ... 2 but his delight ...	1a <b>Blessed</b> is he that considereth the poor:
Promise to the blessed	3 And he shall be like a tree ...	1b-3 The Lord will deliver him ... preserve him ... strengthen him
		4, 10 Lord, be merciful unto me ...
Description of the ungodly	4 The <b>ungodly</b> are not so ...	5 <b>Mine enemies</b> speak evil of me ...
Consequences for the ungodly	5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in <b>the judgment</b>	10 raise me up, <b>that I may requite them.</b>
Summary of God's dealing with the wicked and the righteous	6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the <b>righteous</b> : but the way of the <b>ungodly</b> shall perish.	11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because <b>mine enemy</b> doth not triumph over me. 12 And <b>as for me</b> , thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

# References for Psalm 41

1 Blessed *is* he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

Psa 35:13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. 14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.

Joh 13:18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.