

Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 40: 4, 8-10

New International Version

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

The Message

Blessed are you who give yourselves over to God, turn your backs on the world's "sure thing," ignore what the world worships...

I've preached you to the whole congregation, I've kept back nothing, God—you know that I didn't keep the news of your ways a secret, didn't keep it to myself. I told it all, how dependable you are, how thorough.

I didn't hold back pieces of love and truth for myself alone. I told it all, let the congregation know the whole story.

Being proud in this sense is to think of yourself as not needing God as Lord; it is depending on yourself and considering God as something less than Lord. As one outcome of being proud, false gods can creep into your life: you (yourself), money, power and fame, and anything else that is worshiped are examples of false gods.

In the Old Testament, the Hebrews sometimes had trouble with false gods or idols. Sometimes they worshiped some god called Baal; but on balance, their faith seemed to waiver between the worship and trust in God and the worship of idols of one sort or another. Between God and Moses, frustration abounded in the matter of the Hebrews unfaithfulness; yet, God did not waiver in his promises to them - in his plan for their return to the Israel, the Land of Canaan.

- I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.
- I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly;
- I do not seal my lips, as you know, O Lord.
- I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;
- I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.
- I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.

Whether the Hebrews of old or the believers of today, the truth of God must be reflected in our lives; and the truth is known by how we speak, what we do, and how we live - being like Christ is the best witness to those who do not know salvation!

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