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## *Pastor's Update*

### *Psalm 40*

For the leader, a Psalm of David

Proclamation of Deliverance and Prayer for Deliverance!

Theme: The Psalmist proclaims the great deliverance which the LORD wrought for him and prays for further deliverance.

A few things about this Psalm:

- Verses 14-17 appear in Psalm 70
- Verses 7-9 is quoted in Hebrews 10:5-9 with slight changes and interprets it as Christ's self oblation

Outline:

#### I. The Psalmist Proclaims the LORD's Deliverance (Vv. 1-11)

A. The Psalmist waited for the LORD (v. 1)

B. The LORD delivered him from the pit (v. 2)

C. The LORD gave him a new song (v. 3a)

D. His deliverance will inspire others to trust in the LORD (v. 3b-4)

E. The LORD's wonders are too much to recount (v. 5)

F. What the LORD desires in response to His blessings is not oblations but obedience (vv. 6-8).

The different offerings: The words in blue fonts are the Hebrew equivalents:

zeban (blood sacrifice)

minhah (meal offering)

olah (burnt-offering)

hata (sin-offering)

Lesson: True service consists not in material sacrifices but in obedience to the will of God.

G. He Proclaimed the LORD's righteousness (Hebrew: , faithfulness, salvation, lovingkindness in the assembly (Vv. 9-11).

#### II. The Psalmist Prays for Deliverance (Vv. 12-17)

A. His prayer for deliverance is urgent (v. 13)

B. He requests that:

1. Those who seek his life may be ashamed and confounded
2. Those who gloat over his misfortunes may be desolate
3. Those who love the LORD's salvation may magnify Him
4. That the LORD would be mindful of him and not delay.

#### III. Lessons:

A. The LORD usually honors those to wait for Him.

B. The appropriate response to the LORD's blessings is praise and obedience.

C. Deliverance in the past is a motivation to pray for deliverance in the present

By God's Grace and for His glory,

Pr. Francis