

The Blessed Psalms

Lesson 3: Psalm 41

Which verse makes this Psalm famous?

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Who is blessed?

- The one who is generous to the _____

How is he blessed?

1. The LORD will _____ him in time of trouble (1)
2. The LORD will _____ him and keep him alive (2)
3. He will be called blessed on the earth (2 NASB)
4. The LORD will not let him be delivered into the will of his _____ (2,11)
5. The LORD will _____ him on his bed of illness (3)
6. The LORD will _____ him on his sickbed (3)
7. The LORD's _____ is always before him (12)

What is happening/happened to David during this Psalm?

- David has _____ (4)
- His enemies are speaking evil against him (5)
 - Wishing him and his descendants _____ (5)
- Even people _____ are speaking lies against him (6-8)
 - Saying there is no way he can rise up from the sick bed
- Even his _____ friend is against him (9)

What does David want the LORD to do about it? (10-12)

- Be _____ to him (4,10)
- _____ him up (10)
 - That he may _____ them (10)
- Wants to know that the LORD is _____ with him (11-12)
 - Don't allow his enemies to _____ over him

Who is blessed at the end of the Psalm and for how long?

- The LORD the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting

What's the backdrop of this Psalm? The date can be derived from verse 9.

- It is after David's sin with Bathsheba and during the revolt of _____. It is when the people of Israel had given their hearts to Absalom (2 Sam 15:6) along with his advisor _____ (2 Sam 15:12). Therefore, David fled Jerusalem for safety (2 Sam 15:14).
- While fleeing, David _____ to the LORD to thwart the advice of Ahithophel (2 Sam 15:31). On his journey, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth _____ to him (2 Sam 16:1-4), and Shimei a descendant of Saul _____ and threw rocks at him (2 Sam 16:5-13).

- While David was camped in the wilderness people like Barzillai took care of him and his men (2 Sam 17:27-29; 19:31-32).
- The revolt was put to an end by the death of Absalom (2 Sam 18:16-17). What is the basic sentiment of David's servants?
 - Ahimaaz (2 Sam 18:19,28)
 - The Cushite (2 Sam 18:31-32)

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What is one unique thing that is said of both Ahithophel and Judas? (2 Sam 17:23, Matt 27:5)

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What does being generous to the poor/helpless have to do with this Psalm?

- Consider the Proverbs
 - He who has pity on the poor lends to the _____ and He will pay back what he has given (19:17)
 - Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be _____ (21:13)
- David had been generous to the poor (1 Sam 22:1-2; 2 Sam 9:7-8)
- The opposite of _____ (John 12:4-6; 13:29)

THE MAN IN THE MIRROR:

Am I generous to the poor? Who were the last two people you helped?

What do I do when people around me were wishing harm upon me?