

A New and Better Sacrifice

Psalm 40:1-8

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I. Wait on the LORD. *Psalm 40:1*

When we are waiting on the LORD to _____, we must remember, in His economy, He has already seen the thing come to pass. **2 Peter 3:8**

- For David waiting on the LORD showed trust in the LORD and His promises. When the LORD promises to keep us, provide for us, or meet our needs, waiting for Him says we _____ Him.

"He inclined to me", is like a father down on a knee to meet his child face to face, hearing their cry, and showing he is _____.

II. The LORD delivers His children. *Psalm 40:2-3*

David likens his present crisis to the miry clay in the pit, where the LORD picked him up and set his feet on _____. **Matthew 7:24**

- *"Trusting in the Lord is the evidence nay the essence of salvation. He who is a true believer is evidently _____ from the dominion of sin and Satan."* (Spurgeon) **Hebrews 9:22**
 - a. _____, which is also known as Paradise.
 - b. The second compartment of Hades was the holding place for the _____. **Luke 16:23**

People throughout history have all been saved the same way we have, by believing in the Lord, which is called _____. **Romans 4:2-4**

III. Our blessings cannot be numbered. *Psalm 40:4-5*

Oh, how happy (blessed) is the man who makes the Lord his trust, because the Lord is _____ and will never fail you.

- The Cross, the miracle of life, the LORD's provision, His peace, His thoughts towards us, and His _____ of a sure future, do not begin to describe all that the LORD has in store for us.

IV. The Promised Servant. *Psalm 40:6-8*

Instead of asking David for sacrifices and offerings, the Lord asked him for _____ and opened David's ears to hear Him. **Hebrews 10:1-10**

- Animal sacrifices can't please the LORD, they were used to remind people of their sin. The only sacrifice that could satisfy sin's _____ was the death of the Lamb of God.

Hebrews 10:9 He takes away the first that He may establish **the second**.

Jesus is the new and better _____.

The Lord wanted to stop these rituals to show that He didn't want **Sacrifice and offerings**, He wanted human hearts _____ to Jesus Christ, who paid sin's penalty for Salvation!

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Psalm 40:1**. Why isn't the LORD concerned with timing? What does patiently waiting for an answer from the Lord reveal about us? **2 Peter 3:8, Hebrews 11:1-6, Lamentations 3:25, Exodus 14:14**
2. Read **Psalm 40:2-3**. What does the miry clay represent in our lives? Discuss a time when the LORD lifted you out of the miry clay. **Matthew 7:24-27, 1 Corinthians 3:11, 2 Timothy 2:19, Isaiah 28:16**
3. Read **Luke 16:19-31** and discuss the two compartments of Hades before the Cross. Discuss these truths: While in torment, the rich man is aware, he is not in soul sleep or unaware of his pain. Once in Hades, there is not a second chance, the decision for Salvation is made before we die. **Luke 16:26**. There are no excuses that the rich man didn't know; Abraham tells him that he had the books of the Bible, and he would not believe. **Luke 16:29**
4. Read **Hebrews 10:1-10**. Since the Law was simply a shadow of better things to come, *what could the Law never provide the people?* The sin sacrifices served not to remove sin, but to remind the people of their sin. *What do you do to remind yourself that you have sin that needs to be dealt with? Why would the Lord allow His Holy Temple to be torn down?* **1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Cor. 6:16, Isaiah 66:1-21 Peter 3:16, 21, 1 Timothy 1:19, 1 Timothy 1:5, Hebrews 9:22, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 9:14, Leviticus 17:11**
5. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.