

Triumphant Tuesday Bible Study  
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## Psalm Chapter 41 NLT

**Psalm 41 can be divided into four arears. (1) The merciful, verses 1-3, (2) The Enemies, verses 4-9, (3) Exaltation of the Righteous, verses 10-12, and (4) Praise, verse 13.**

This last psalm of the first book of Psalms begins with "blessed" (Psa. 41:1b). The first psalm also begins with this (Psa. 1:1). In Psalm 1, the man is called "blessed" who loves God and His Word. In Psalm 41, the man is called "blessed" who loves his neighbor and proves it by paying attention to him and dealing with him wisely. This shows and reminds us of the two manifestations of the new life of the New Testament believer that John describes in his first letter: loving God and loving the brothering. **(1Jn. 4:20-21) If someone says, I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? (21) And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.**

### The Merciful Vss. 1-3

**\_ Vs.1) Oh, the joys of those who are kind to the poor! The LORD rescues them when they are in trouble.**

***Those who are kind or considerate;*** that carries themselves wisely and prudently with or towards the poor, not rashly and foolishly censures and condemns him

***Poor;*** such as are poor in substance, weak in bodily strength, despised in repute and desponding in spirit. These are mostly avoided and quite often scorned.

***In time of trouble (Hebrew) "in the day of evil"*** the LORD will deliver those who shows proper sympathy to others in their troubles. **Pro. 31:8-9) open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction (9) open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.**

**Vs.2) The Lord protects them and keeps them alive. He gives them prosperity in the land and rescues them from their enemies. Vs.3) The Lord nurses them when they are sick and restores them to health.**

***The Lord protects or Preserve and keeps him alive;*** Heb. quicken him, revive and restore him. Either the Lord will preserve him from trouble or if God see trouble necessary or fit for him and suffer him to fall into it then He the Lord will raise him up out of it. **Pro. 103:3) He forgives all my sins and heal my diseases.**

***Prosperity in the land;*** his life shall be a long and blessed one. He shall be made prosperous and counted to be a happy and joyous person. **Job 29:19-20) for I am like tree whose roots reach the water, whose branches are refreshed with the dew. (20) New honors are constantly bestowed on me, and my strength is continually renewed.**

***Rescues from the enemies;*** not into the will of Satan nor of the wicked people who are controlled by him. **Ps. 37:7) be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for Him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.**

David encourages the sick person in **Vs.3** and addresses God directly for him. He states that the LORD will rescue him in his illness and nurse him back to health. **The definition of health means freedom from ailment or disease. It also means physical and mental wellbeing.**

### **The Enemies Vss. 4-9**

**Vs.4) "O LORD," I prayed, "have mercy on me. Heal me, (my soul) for I have sinned against you." Vs.5) But my enemies say nothing but evil about me. "How soon will he die and be forgotten?" they ask. (Vs.6) they visit me as if they were my friends, but all the while they gather gossip, and when they leave, they spread it everywhere. (Vs.7) all who hate me whisper about me, imagining the worst. (Vs.8) "He has some fatal disease," they say. "He will never get out of that bed!" (Vs.9) Even my best friend, the one I trusted completely, the one who shared my food, has turned against me.**

As we read these verses we see that David was not talking about the enemies that he went to battle with! Even though he was known as a man of war and had fought many battles and won because the LORD gave him victories.

David was talking about his friends who he sat and ate with. He was also talking about some that he thought was his friends, and some that visited him that just pretended to be his friend. None of them wished him well.

They all had evil tongue that were busy telling lies, speaking vanity and were hypocritical in manner. Jesus refers to these type of people as vipers. **Mat. 12:34) O**

**generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speak.**

Such language and practices are works of the devil whom Jesus also refers to in **John 10:10 as "the thief" who comes for three reasons, to steal, kill and destroy.** Jesus also said in **John 8:44) He (Satan... abode not in the truth.**

All Christian has the right and power to resist the devil and his attacks according to the Bible: **James 4:7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

The Apostle Paul said of Satan, "... **we are not ignorant of his (Satan) devices" (2 Cor. 2:11) First John 4:4 says, "... grater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."**

**Vs. 4) "O LORD," I prayed, "have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you."** David confessed that he have sinned against God or "unto thee" or "before thee" therefore; he prayed for God healing mercy and grace because his dependency is in God and only on God. **Ps. 51:1) Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stains of my sins.**

### **Exaltation of the Righteous Vss. 10-12**

**Vs. 10) LORD, have mercy on me, Make me well again, so I can pay them back!**  
**Vs.11) I know you are pleased with me, for you have not let my enemies triumph over me. Vs. 12) you have preserved my life because I am innocent; you have brought me into your presence forever.**

In **Vs.10)** David ask God for mercy and to make him well again so he **can pay back his enemies.** However, when Jesus Christ came, He ushered in a new Dispensation which is called the **Dispensation of the grace of God. (Eph.3:2)** which as Christians we are under.

**(Mat.10:44) But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.**

**Eph. 6:12) we wrestle (fight) not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

**1 Tim. 6:12) "fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life..." 2 Tim. 4:7) I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."**

**Vs.11-12) I know you are pleased with me, for you have not let my enemies triumph over me. Vs.12) you have preserved my life because I am innocent; you have brought me into your presence forever.**

David was rejoicing because he had seen and experienced the salvation of God. He knew that God was pleased with him because He delivered him from the power and effects of sin, danger and the difficulties he was facing with his enemies. God did not let his enemies triumph (succeed) over him.

**Ps. 91:14-16) The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. <sup>15</sup> When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. <sup>16</sup> I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation.**

We are thankful to our God and Father for sustaining us through difficult times when our faith is being tried in numerous ways. But **"Thanks be to God, who always causes us to triumph in Christ...!" (2 Cor.2:14).**

The Scriptures reveal there is a fight, requiring effort and persistence to overcome. **And we were born to overcome! (1 John 5: 4-5).**

In **Vs.12) David states that God have brought him into His presence forever.** God placed David under His watchful care. He would always have him before His face as an object of trust and love. God will always permit him to dwell with Him because this is the highest proof of His love for David and for us.

**Ps. 23:6) surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (1 Cor. 13: 12) "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face..." (Rev. 22: 5) "For the Lord God gave them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. (Rev. 22: 4) And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads.**

### **Praise Vs. 13**

**Vs.13) Praise the LORD, the God of Israel, who lives from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and amen!** That praise will be "from everlasting to everlasting". It is a praise right through all the trials that we face. There will never be an end to the presence of Christ before God! "And we are in Him" **(John 14:3). ..." I will come again, and receive you again unto myself; and where I am, there ye may be also.**

Everything that God does is and will be for the glory and praise of His name. Everything that is visible is of Him and by Him! This why all of creation will praise Him from everlasting to everlasting. **Ps. 150:6) Let everything that hath Breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.**