



Study Guide: Week 2 - Psalm 41

Opening Prayer: Lord Jesus, who came to Your own and they received you not, grant us your Spirit to glorify you in our hearts. Enlighten our souls with this living knowledge that you are the power of God and the wisdom of God, that we may never be offended in you, but may hold your righteousness in an unwavering faith, and may not be ashamed to confess you before men. Amen. *

- 1 Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;
- 2 the Lord protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- 3 The Lord sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.

- 4 As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
- 5 My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die, and his name perish?"
- 6 And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- 7 All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.

- 8 They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."
- 9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- 10 But you, O Lord, be gracious to me,

and raise me up, that I may repay them!

11 By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

12 But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.

13 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!

Amen and Amen.

Additional Scriptures to read:

John 13:18, Matthew 26:15, Luke 1:68, Proverbs 14:21,

Questions:

1. When you hear the words “consider the poor” does this sound like a promise or something added to your “to do” list (the law)? When David tells you to look out for the poor, how does it make you feel?
2. According to the Psalm, in what ways are those who consider the poor blessed? Are they getting something in return for helping the needy? If so, what do you think it is? If not, then what is it that makes them blessed?
3. In the later verses of this Psalm David is speaking for Christ. With that in mind, who is David/Jesus talking about when he says, “Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me”?
4. Does that make you read this Psalm any differently? In other words, how do you read even the earlier verses of this Psalm knowing David is speaking for Jesus?
5. Where is David’s focus in the last several verses of this Psalm? What or who is it that David is looking to at the end of this Psalm?
6. Is Judas the only one who betrays Jesus in the end? Is Peter’s denial a betrayal as well?
7. How is it Jesus repays his betrayers?
8. In what ways are the enemies of Jesus (sin, death & the devil) defeated by God the Father?

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