



“A New Song”

Psalm 40:1-17 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – *We’ve been looking at “Blessed is the one” statements in the Bible that promise a little taste of heaven if we heed the description that follows. Today we will look at an invitation from King David to trust in the Lord.*

I. Trust in the Lord.

- A. The Hebrew word for “trust” is “*batach*.”
 - 1. It literally means “*to throw yourself face-down on the ground*.”
 - 2. That’s an apt description of trust.
- B. David introduces this blessing with a play on the word “*blessing*” (*ashar*).
- C. Trusting in the Lord is a choice.
- D. The experience of this blessing comes with sweet surrender to the Lord.

II. The Song of Blessing.

- A. King David wrote Psalm 40 and most of the Psalms.
- B. Most of the time David would write a song of praise to God when God delivered him from some life-threatening trouble.

- C. Psalm 40 tells us what David did to trust the Lord.
- D. David is confident that when others hear his song, they will trust in the Lord too.
- E. Trusting in the Lord will take practice and test our faith.

III. A Well-Placed Trust.

- A. Be careful who we trust in, because God tells us through Jeremiah, that the opposite of God’s blessing is a curse.
- B. Consider what happened to Adam and Eve.
- C. Anytime we turn away from the Lord and trust in something else, we put ourselves under a curse.
- D. What does that mean?
 - 1. For a believer it doesn’t mean eternal wrath.
 - 2. For a believer it means temporal discipline from our heavenly Father.
- E. Those who choose to trust in the Lord are under God’s blessing.
- F. God gave this word of blessing to Jeremiah because he needed to hear it in order to encourage him to trust in the Lord while he was undergoing tremendous suffering that tested his faith.

Conclusion.