

To Wait Patiently

“I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD His trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare. Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD. I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly. Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD; may your love and your truth always protect me. For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. Be pleased, O LORD, to save me; may all who seek to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. May those who say to me, Aha! Aha!” be appalled at their own shame. But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, “The LORD be exalted!” Yet I am poor and needy; may the LORD think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay.” (Psalm 40:1-17)

Whom we have in this world when we have problem and pass through difficult time? No one but the Lord alone; He is the only one who loves us and cares for us. In this life we may face troubles and hardships of different kinds; some we can cope with but the others are difficult to cope or manage. The noble thing that we need to mention here that in all circumstances God wants us to honor Him in our acts, decisions and conducts. We need to trust God more, realizing that even in difficult circumstances we should not be shaken or compromise and lose our integrity. Because God really can save us, ***“But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, “The LORD be exalted!” (Psalm 40:16)*** To overcome in trials we ought to acknowledge God in the following aspects.

1) To be Patient: ***“I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry.” (Psalm 40:1)*** God’s timing and our timing is different. For us it might be too late but for God still there is time. Certain prayer requests it takes time until we receive an answer from God. Remember the Lord had appointed time for any of your request to Him. What you need to do is to wait upon God patiently, ***“Blessed are all who wait for Him.”*** He will do it and He will take you out from the slimy pit.

2) Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust: We need to trust God more; even when it seems impossible, God is able and you will witness how He will deliver you from trouble and how He will take you out of the mud and makes your stand on a rock.

3) “Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.”: Let us not grumble, let us not look to the negative things that are happening around us and let us not to be pessimistic, but let us count the blessing that God had giving us and give Him thanks and praise for that.

4) “I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”: Hardship and trials are not a reason for us not to obey fully the word of God and follow His instructions. Many people when they face troubles their commitment to Christ would be less, but that should not be the case with us; God is waiting from us to show the same level of commitment and dedication to Him even in times of troubles. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when they crucified Him for our sins, He suffered but He persevered and He kept His commitment to God. He suffered and died on the cross for our sins, He was buried but God raised Him from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believed in Him and follow His steps in their lives. Remember once you have the desire to do God’s will, He will enable you to do it and to persevere under trial. ***“Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”***

5) “For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.”: True that troubles without numbers would made our life miserable but one thing we must not forget, our sins are another reason for our suffering. A good attitude is to humble ourselves before God and confess and repent from our sins before we expect God would hear our cry for help.

6) “I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD. I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.”: God wants us even in the time of troubles to speak to others about His greatness. Don’t speak about your problem but speak about His power and greatness to save. This is an expression of your faithfulness to Him and your trust in His power, grace, mercy and love.

My dear and beloved: Plead with God for mercy; ask God to save you from those who oppress you and those who desire your ruin. Ask God to have mercy on you for His name sake to be glorified over all what He created.

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and raised from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord forgive me all my sins, I will wait patiently for you, I am poor and needy, come Lord to save me, O my God, do not delay. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*