

Put God First
(Wait upon God and Don't Do Your Own)
Part 14

"¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. ⁷ Then I said, "Here I am, I have come-- it is written about me in the scroll. ⁸ I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." ⁹ I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD; may your love and your truth always protect me. ¹² 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. ¹³ Be pleased, O LORD, to save me; O LORD, come quickly to help me. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame. ¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!" ¹⁷ 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)

Hardships and trials in life is something that you don't like to pass through, and if it happen that you are in one of the common trials that man may pass through you might be tempted to escape or bypass the course that God had set before you to pass through that particular trial.

Trials are of many kinds and it could be about your finances, or family life, or about your work, children, etc. In whatever trial that you are in right now God wants you to put Him first and pass the trials in the way that He had set before you and for the following reasons:

1- To avoid resolutions or partial solutions: If you try to do your own you may succeed temporarily from your problem and got some relief. But in the course of time since the solution was not of God in origin and method, then you will find the problem is bouncing back to you and it might be worse. ***"¹Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes." (Psalm 37:7)*** ***"¹ Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; ² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away." (Psalm 37:1-2)*** Do not imitate others and do wrong: that will not help you and finally got hurt. God knows that you are discomforted and suffering but it is far better to wait upon Him and you will be doing His will.

2- To allow God to test your faith: ***"¹ Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (James 1:2-4)*** The Lord test your faith with trials not to

harm you or to put you down but for you to grow, and your perseverance in trial will bring maturity and perfection in your life.

3- For better testimony: ***"Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD." (Psalm 40:3b)*** As you wait upon God to solve your problem the Lord will bring you the solution in a miracle that many will be touched and put their trust in the Lord.

4- For God's word to be fulfilled: ***"⁶ Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. ⁷ Then I said, "Here I am, I have come-- it is written about me in the scroll. ⁸ I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:6-8)*** Trials God allowed into your life so that His Word and His will is to be fulfilled in your life.

5- For God's message to be clearer: ***"⁹ I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD. ¹⁰ 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." (Psalm 40:9-10)*** When you are passing trials and you are still living and preaching the Word of God then the message of God will be clearer and more effective because in spite you are passing trials you are still faithful and persevering with God in doing His will.

6- For God's grace to be manifested in your life during trials: ***"¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD; may your love and your truth always protect me. ¹² For troubles without number surround me." (Psalm 40:11-12a)*** When you pass trials you will experience His grace in more profound way. And you can see and the people around you will see how God is sustaining you and providing for you. ***"Be pleased, O LORD, to save me; O LORD, come quickly to help me." (Psalm 40:13)***

7- For you to repent: ***"My sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me." (Psalm 40:12b)*** God is allowing trials in your life in order for you to be cleansed from sin. It could be when you are in ease you abused His grace, and possibly this particular trial that you are passing through might bring you to repentance.

8- For God's miracle to be manifested in your life: ***"Be pleased, O LORD, to save me; O LORD, come quickly to help me." (Psalm 40:13)*** Trials will show you clearly that you have no power at all to provide for your life. Trials teach you to be fully belong to God to provide for you, and you need to fully trust Him.

9- For God to defend us against the enemies: ***"¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame." (Psalm 40:14-15)*** When you persevere with God and wait for Him to solve your problem in His way and method, then you will be rewarded not only with a solution, but in addition the Lord will handle and deal with people who are enemies of yours and manage them in a way that will set you free completely from them.

10- For you to be drawn to the right righteous people: ***"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)*** As you wait upon God and rely on Him to take you out from your problem then the Lord will move you away from evil people in order to bring you to the righteous people. This may take long time for God to do and that is a good reason for you that you need to wait upon God.

11- For you to be bolder in prayer and crying unto God to help you and solve your problem: ***"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 40:17)***

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your encouraging word to me in this time of trial. Lord I want you to help me and sustain me with your grace to be able to pass this trial of mine. Lord protects me from all my enemies and brings me with righteous people. I cry out to you dear Lord, please help me in Jesus name, Amen.