

EVENING WORSHIP

31 July 2005

Theme: An Interactive Faith

Title: A New Song In the Heart

Text: Psalm 40

(I) REMEMBERING THE ROUGH PATCHES IN LIFE

*“He brought me up out of a horrible pit,
Out of the miry clay...”*

Psalm 40:2a

*“For innumerable evils have surrounded me;
My iniquities have overtaken me,
So that I was not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of my head;
Therefore my heart fails me.”*

Psalm 40:12

1. Description of the rough patches in life

“A horrible pit...”

Psalm 40:2

2. Two particular sets of problems

a) Personal sins

“My iniquities have overtaken me...”

Psalm 40:12

b) Enemies

“Innumerable evils have surrounded me...”

Psalm 40:12a

*“Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion
who seek to destroy my life”*

Psalm 40:14

(II) REMEMBERING THE DELIVERANCE OF GOD

1. In answer to patient prayers

*“I waited patiently for the LORD;
And He inclined to me and heard my cry”*

Psalm 40:1

2. In response to Trust

“Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust...”

Psalm 40:4

3. In seeking God diligently

“Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You...” Psalm 40:16

(III) A NEW SONG IN THE HEART

1. What is this “New Song?”

a) Renewed Hope

b) Renewed Trust

c) Renewed Joy

2. Put there by the Lord Himself

*“He has put a new song in my mouth-
Praise to our God...”*

Psalm 40:3a

3. Special Reasons for putting the new song in the heart

a) For the blessing of the individual

*“But I am poor and needy;
Yet the LORD thinks upon me;
You are my help and my deliverer...”*

Psalm 40:17

b) For the encouragement of other believers

*“Many will see it and fear,
and will trust in the LORD”*

Psalm 40:3b

c) For the purpose of proclamation of God’s Righteousness

*“I have not hidden Your righteousness in the great assembly;
Indeed, I do not restrain my lips.
I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart;
I have declared Your faithfulness and salvation;
I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth
From the great assembly”*

Psalm 40:10

POEM

THE BEST CHOICE

He knows, He loves, He cares,
Nothing this truth can dim,

He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice with Him.”
- Anonymous -