

## PULPIT MINISTRY

Theme: "Come, behold the works of the LORD"

Psalm 46:8

## EVENING WORSHIP

1 July 2007

Title: "Many are Your wonderful works" CT  
Text: Psalm 40

### (I) THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN LIFE

#### 1. The miry pits of life

*"He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,  
Out of the miry clay..." Psalm 40:2*

#### 2. Innumerable evils of life

*"For innumerable evils have surrounded me..." Psalm 40:12a*

#### 3. Personal sins

*"...My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;  
They are more than the hairs of my head;  
Therefore my heart fails me." Psalm 40:12b*

### (II) LESSONS LEARNED FROM MEDITATING ON THE WORKS OF GOD

#### 1. The Works of God are a rich source of instruction

*"Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works  
Which You have done..." Psalm 40:5a*

#### 2. The works of God communicate the wondrous thoughts of God

*"...And Your thoughts toward us  
Cannot be recounted to You in order;  
If I would declare and speak of them,  
They are more than can be numbered." Psalm 40:5b*

#### 3. Learning from the example of the psalmist

a) Waiting upon God patiently

*"I waited patiently for the LORD;  
And He inclined to me,  
And heard my cry." Psalm 40:1*

b) Trusting God

*"Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust..." Psalm 40:4a*

c) Serving God

*"Then I said, 'Behold, I come;  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me.  
I delight to do Your will, O my God,  
And Your law is within my heart.'" Psalm 40:7-8*

i) Delighting to do God's will

ii) Keeping of God's law in the heart

### **(III) HUMBLE PRAYERS**

#### **1. A Correct perspective**

*"But I am poor and needy;  
Yet the LORD thinks upon me.  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
Do not delay, O my God." Psalm 40:17*

#### **2. Correct petitions**

a) Pleading the tender mercies of God

*"Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me,  
O LORD..." Psalm 40:11a*

b) Pleading the lovingkindness of God

*"...Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me." Psalm 40:11b*

c) Pleading for deliverance

*"Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;  
O LORD, make haste to help me!" Psalm 40:13*