

(I) FACING THE PROBLEMS OF LIFE

1. External problems - Life threatening situations

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

"...Who seek to destroy my life..." Psalm 40:14

"...Who wish me evil." Psalm 40:14

2. Internal problems - 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 40:12*

(II) A CALL TO MAGNIFY THE LORD FOR HIS DELIVERANCE

*"...Let such as love Your salvation say continually,
'The LORD be magnified!'" Psalm 40:16*

1. Having a deep appreciation of His salvation

a) The Lord hearing prayer for deliverance

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

b) The Lord actual physical deliverance

*"He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,
Out of the miry clay,
And set my feet upon a rock,
And established my steps." Psalm 40:2*

c) The Lord putting a new song in the heart

*"He has put a new song in my mouth--
Praise to our God..." Psalm 40:3*

2. Rejoicing and being glad in the Lord

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

(III) THE CHALLENGE TO CONSTANTLY MAGNIFY THE LORD

*“...Let such as love Your salvation say continually
“The Lord be magnified!” Psalm 40:16*

1. Proclaiming good news

*“I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness
In the great assembly...” Psalm 40:9*

2. Choosing not to conceal His greatness

*“...Indeed, I do not restrain my lips,
O LORD, You Yourself know.
I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart;
I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation;
I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth
From the great assembly.” Psalm 40:9-10*

3. Commitment to magnify the Lord no matter what

a) Despite being poor and needy

*“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*

b) Despite tensions – Prayer not answered

*“Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD;
Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.” Psalm 40:11*

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