

# Psalm 041 - Messianic Psalm: When Things Go Wrong

## Psalm 41

[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]

### When Things Go Wrong

1 Blessed is one who considers the helpless; The LORD will save him on a day of trouble.

1 How blessed is he who considers the helpless; The LORD will deliver him in a day of trouble.

1 Blessed is the one who is considerate of the destitute; the LORD will deliver him when the times are evil.

1 Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

2 The LORD will protect him and keep him alive, And he will be called blessed upon the earth; And do not turn him over to the desire of his enemies.

2 The LORD will protect him and keep him alive, And he shall be called blessed upon the earth; And do not give him over to the desire of his enemies.

2 The LORD will protect him and keep him alive; he will be blessed in the land; and he will not be handed over to the desires of his enemies.

2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will sustain him upon his sickbed; In his illness, You restore him to health.

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3 The LORD will uphold him even on his sickbed; you will transform his bed of illness into health.

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

4 As for me, I said, "LORD, be gracious to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

4 As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

4 As for me, I said, "LORD, be gracious to me! Heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

5 My enemies speak evil against me, "When will he die, and **his name perish?**"

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5 As for my enemies, with malice they said, "When will he die and memory of his name perish?"

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

- "...his name perish" - Absalom had no son; it would have ended the dynasty
- God had promised that David's descendants would sit on the throne forever (2 Sam 7:11-16)
- A promise fulfilled in Christ (Luke 1:31-33)

6 And when he comes to see *me*, he speaks empty words; His heart gathers wickedness to itself; When he goes outside, he tells it.

6 And when he comes to see *me*, he speaks falsehood; His heart gathers wickedness to itself; When he goes outside, he tells it.

6 The one who comes to visit me speaks lies; in his heart he thinks slanderous things about me and goes around spreading them.

6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

7 All who hate me whisper together against me; They plot my harm against me, *saying*,

7 All who hate me whisper together against me; Against me they devise my hurt, *saying*,

7 As for all who hate me, they whisper together against me; they desire to do me harm.

7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

8 "A wicked thing is poured out upon him, So that when he lies down, he will not get up again."

8 "A wicked thing is poured out upon him, That when he lies down, he will not rise up again."

8 They say, "Wickedness is entrenched in him. Once he is brought low, he will not rise again."

8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

9 As for my best friend, the one in whom I trusted, the one who ate my bread, even he has insulted me!

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

### **Ahithophel**

Ahithophel was the father of Eliam (1 Chr 3:5). Eliam was the father of Bathsheba (2 Sam 11:3; 23:34,39), so Ahithophel was Bathsheba's grandfather. Ahithophel apparently never forgave David for what he did to his granddaughter & grandson-in-law. Ahithophel also ultimately committed suicide by hanging himself (2 Sam 17:23). Peter also refers to this in Acts 1:16.

**10** But You, LORD, be gracious to me and raise me up, That I may repay them.

**10** But You, O LORD, be gracious to me and raise me up, That I may repay them.

**10** But you, LORD, be gracious to me and raise me up so that I may pay them back!

**10** But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

**11** By this I know that You are pleased with me, Because my enemy does not shout in triumph over me.

**11** By this I know that You are pleased with me, Because my enemy does not shout in triumph over me.

**11** In this way I will know that you are pleased with me, and that my enemies will not shout in triumph over me.

**11** By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

**12** As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And You place me in Your presence forever.

**12** As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And You set me in Your presence forever.

**12** As for me, you will maintain my just cause, and you will cause me to stand in your presence forever.

**12** And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

**13** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

**13** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

**13** Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, from eternity to eternity. Amen and amen!

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.