

SONGS FOR SUMMER

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 41 (ESV)

*Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;
2 the Lord protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.*

*3 The Lord sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.*

*4 As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"*

*5 My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die, and his name perish?"*

*6 And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.*

*7 All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.*

*8 They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."*

*9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.*

*10 But you, O Lord, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!*

*11 By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.*

*12 But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.*

*13 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!*

Amen and Amen.

Next Week: Psalm 42

July 29, 2018

TALK SHEET

Have I engaged with someone outside the church this week with...

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1. What is your biggest “take-away” from yesterday’s sermon on this psalm?
2. Why does David begin this psalm with a reference to the poor in verse 1?
3. What are some of the contrasts in the responses of the Lord in verses 1-3 and David's enemies in verses 5-9?
4. How are the prayers in verses 4 and 10 alike? How do they differ? Which prayer resonates with you right now?
5. Have you ever been wrongly maligned? How did you react and what did you do about it?
6. How do you know that the Lord delights in you? Identify some specific ways.
7. What is the significance of “from everlasting to everlasting” in verse 13?
8. What, if any, is the connection between the blessings in verses 1 and 13?
9. How can you use Psalm 41 as a template for personal prayer this week?