

## PSALM 39

To the chief Musician, *even* to Jeduthun,  
A Psalm of David.

**I** SAID, I will take heed to my ways,  
that I sin not with my tongue: I  
will keep my mouth with a bridle,  
while the wicked is before me.

2 I was dumb with silence, I  
held my peace, *even* from good; and  
my sorrow was stirred.

3 My heart was hot within me,  
while I was musing the fire burned:  
*then* spake I with my tongue,

4 LORD, make me to know mine  
end, and the measure of my days,  
what it *is*; *that* I may know how  
frail I *am*.

5 Behold, thou hast made my  
days *as* an handbreadth; and mine  
age *is* as nothing before thee: verily  
every man at his best state *is* alto-  
gether vanity. Selah.

6 Surely every man walketh in a  
vain shew: surely they are disquiet-  
ed in vain: he heapeth up *riches*, and  
knoweth not who shall gather them.

7. And now, Lord, what wait I  
for? my hope *is* in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my trans-  
gressions: make me not the

reproach of the foolish.

9 I was dumb, I opened not my  
mouth; because thou didst *it*.

10 Remove thy stroke away from  
me: I am consumed by the blow of  
thine hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost  
correct man for iniquity, thou mak-  
est his beauty to consume away  
like a moth: surely every man *is*  
vanity. Selah.

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and  
give ear unto my cry; hold not thy  
peace at my tears: for I *am* a  
stranger with thee, *and* a sojourn-  
er, as all my fathers *were*.

13 O spare me, that I may recov-  
er strength, before I go hence, and  
be no more.

## PSALM 40

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

**I** WAITED patiently for the LORD;  
and he inclined unto me, and  
heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of  
an horrible pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a rock, *and*  
established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in

my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

4 Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.

6. Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.

9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

11. Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy

lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

17 But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

### PSALM 41

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

**B**LESSED *is* he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 And as for me, thou uphold-

est me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

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

### PSALM 42

To the chief Musician, Maschil,  
for the sons of Korah.

**A**S the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?

4 When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for* the help of his countenance.

6. O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites,

from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 *Yet* the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, *Where is thy God?*

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

### PSALM 43

**J**UDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou *art* the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy light and thy

truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

### PSALM 44

To the chief Musician  
for the sons of Korah, Maschil.

**W**E have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 *How* thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; *how* thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy

name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9. But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast given us like sheep *appointed* for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion *is* continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

16 For the voice of him that

reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17. All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast *us* not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, *and* forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalms 39 speaks of the frailty and vanity of life. Jeduthun was one of David's three music leaders (the other two were Heman and Asaph). He was also the King's seer (II Chronicles 35:15).

Psalms 40 could be called the "Christmas Psalm" because it looks forward to the birth of Christ. Verses 6-8 are quoted in Hebrews 10:5-10 and apply to Jesus Christ. Historically, this Psalm grew out of a crisis in the life of David. He was in a horrible pit and cried to God and God delivered him. In verses 1-10 David testifies of God's mercy and shows his gratitude by yielding himself anew to the Lord. In the closing verses (verses 11-17) David calls on God for further help as new enemies approach him.

Psalms 41 is another prayer for deliverance. It was probably written as a result of Absalom turning against David and trying to take over the kingdom. The familiar friend in verse 9 must have been Ahithophel, the Old Testament Judas (see II Samuel 15:12; John 13:18).

In Psalms 42 and 43 the writer declares he is thirsty for the house of God. These two Psalms form one poem. The sons of Korah, who are listed as the authors, were a family of poetic Levites, organized by David into a musical guild.

Psalms 44 is a cry of despair. It seems that the nation has been overwhelmingly defeated in a time of national disaster. David's words to the Lord were that he would not trust in his bow nor his sword to save him from his enemies, but only in God.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Proverbs 19:18).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 20:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1812

**THE WAR WITH ENGLAND STARTED.**

1815

**NAPOLEON FOUGHT THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO.**

1744

**THE FIRST METHODIST CONFERENCE WAS CONDUCTED.**

This conference lasted for five days. John Wesley said, "Give me brethren who desire nothing but to save their souls and those that hear them." Mobs and violence followed the Methodist movement, and opposition arose. People said, "Methodists disturb the peace of the Parish." Wesley was called, "One who tells all drunkards, whoremongers, and swearers, 'You are on the high road to Hell.'" Pray for Methodism to rise to its former heights. John Wesley preached the new birth. George Whitefield, a great Methodist, preached over 3,000 times on the new birth. Someone inquired as to why he preached so often on "Ye Must Be Born Again." He replied, "Because you *must* be born again!"

Praise the Lord for the history of the Methodist movement.

## ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1941

**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CONFERRED WITH A. PHILIP RANDOLPH AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON MOVEMENT AND URGED THEM TO CALL OFF A SCHEDULED DEMONSTRATION.**

Randolph refused.

1942

**BERNARD W. ROBINSON, HARVARD MEDICAL STUDENT, MADE ENSIGN IN U.S. NAVAL RESERVE AND BECAME FIRST BLACK TO WIN A COMMISSION IN THE U.S. NAVY.**

1963

**THREE THOUSAND BLACK STUDENTS BOYCOTTED BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS PROTEST AGAINST DE FACTO SEGREGATION.**

1968

**SUPREME COURT BANNED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SALE AND RENTAL OF HOUSING.**

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# Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:**

**DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "I MAY LOSE MY JOB AND POSITION"**

(Assignment 20)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

(        ) Mark 8:36

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

(        ) Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

(        ) Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

(        ) Psalms 37:25

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

(        ) Psalms 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.