

PSALMS 36 - 40

PSALM 36

God, I want to proclaim Your **gospel** message.

Psa 36:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD. An oracle is within my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes. Lord, there are those who are wicked because they have not had an opportunity to receive You into their life. And, there are those who are wicked in spite of the fact that they have been given ample opportunities to live for You. I bring the person who has never had that chance to experience Your greatness, before You. They don't realize how dangerous a life they are living. Great fear would fill their heart if they knew about Your wrath against sin. Help me and all the rest of Your people to provide them with the power of the gospel. Let a fear and respect for You be planted in the heart of this type of sinner. Awaken them to the dangers and awaken them to the mighty blessings that come to those who give their heart and life to You.

For the wicked who have chosen to reject You, I pray against them. Don't let them use their evil to stop Your gospel message. Debilitate them by Your power and by the work of Your people. Protect us from their evil plans. Use them to show those who haven't rejected You how hard the way of the transgressor is. Let them see their calamity. Give the unsaved a true picture of where they are heading if they don't allow You to change their direction. So give over to punishment and wrath the wicked that all who haven't received You will repent of their wickedness and be saved.

Psa 36:2 (NIV) For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin. I pray for a mighty move of Your Holy Spirit among the sinners. Reveal their sins to them. Make their sins to be exceedingly sinful to them. Help them get their eyes off of their own selves and help them see how much their sins are hurting others. Help them to hate what they are doing against those around them. Let them understand why You have designated these things sin. You are such a loving God that You have spoken against and made to be sin anything that is harmful to people. You are the only One Who has developed such a plan to set people free from abuse. Help the sinner to see how much they hate being sinned against. Then use that hatred to bring them to a hatred of their own sins.

Psa 36:3 (NIV) The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; he has ceased to be wise and to do good. Because of the sinner's selfishness, he doesn't mind speaking forth wickedness and deceit. They don't notice how much damage is being done by all of these words. They only see the benefits they are getting from the sins. They can't feel the hurt and pain they are inflicting on others. They only concentrate on the pleasure it is bringing them. Show them how unwise and evil they really are. Give them a chance to look back on their life and see its downward progression. Let them be able to compare their life with one of wisdom and goodness. Make it possible for them to consider the choices they are making. Then give them a chance to hear the gospel message so they can turn and go in the opposite direction.

Psa 36:4 (NIV) Even on his bed he plots evil; he commits himself to a sinful course and does not reject what is wrong. Heavenly Father, sin is dominating these people's lives. They don't get a moment in all the time they are awake to consider Your alternatives. Their lives are made up of sinful systems. They think they have to be evil in order to get by in this world. People are plotting evil against them. They think they have retaliate with evil in order to survive. Wrong gradually becomes the right thing to do. Wrong becomes their only hope of existence. Remove the blindness from their eyes and help them see how wrong their evil is. Show them a better way to live. Let the power of Your gospel set them free from sinful course they have committed themselves to.

Psa 36:5 (NIV) Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your way is so much better than the way of sin. Help me and all of Your people to understand Your love. You have died for the lost. You love them as much as You love us. It is wonderful that we are experiencing and understanding Your love. But, I want all who are willing to have all that I have. I want them to see a love that reaches to the heavens. I want them to experience a faithfulness that extends to the skies. Many have never been given a chance to get even a peek at such a wonderful life. They desperately need all You have to offer. They are suffering in a horrible life of sin. They must see all of Your provisions. I must give them a chance to exchange their life for one with Your greatness in it.

Psa 36:6 (NIV) Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, you preserve both man and beast. Many sinners have never heard about Your mighty righteousness. You can give them Your righteousness and set them free from all their sins. It is like standing in front of a mighty mountain. Your righteousness, that You provide, is huge like them. The provisions that the sinner would experience would tower high above them. It would be bigger than anything they could imagine. Use me to proclaim its greatness. Use me to help them see Your justice that is deeper than the deepest part of the ocean. Help me help them see all of this. Let them understand it and marvel at its wonder and power. The only reason the sinner is still alive is because You are preserving them. Let them see that they only have so much time to choose You and be set free.

Psa 36:7 (NIV) How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. We Christians have had a wonderful chance to see Your unfailing love. We have been blessed constantly by it. I don't want to hide it from all who have eyes to see. I want to shout it from the mountain tops for all who have ears to hear. It doesn't matter what a person's status in life is. No one is too rich or too poor for You to be able to save them. No one is too bad or too good for You to be able to transform them. You have extended the wings of Your protection out to all who will receive You as their God and Savior. Help me to present You in all Your greatness. Let me be able to and then show all just how wonderful You are.

Psa 36:8 (NIV) They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. What a wonderful life You have provided me. I have only known abundance and delights. Deliver me from all selfishness. Send me out to bring in the needy and rejected. Let me provide them with Your great provisions. I want to invite them into Your house. I want them to live with You for eternity. They are dying of spiritual hunger and thirst. I must be empowered lead them to Your river of delights. These provisions of Yours are unlimited. There will always be room for one more. There is no reason for me to be selfish. You supply will never run out or grow scarce. Anoint me with the greatness of Your Holy Spirit. Empower me to be totally obedient to the great commission. Enlighten my heart and mind to be able to grasp all of Your truths. Cause them to flow in and through me like a mighty river. Make to flow from me into the lives of all who will listen and receive.

Psa 36:9 (NIV) For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. You have withheld nothing good from me. I have eternal life and a temporal life that is abundantly blessed by You. I see clearly all the greatness of Your presence. Light has lit all the pathways of my steps. I am a greatly blessed person that enjoys a wonderful relationship with my Heavenly Father. The least I can do to show my appreciation is spread Your glory to all mankind. Open my life and make it available to those who are dying. Expand my ministry to those sitting in great darkness. I want them to have all that I have. I want them to know You like I know You. I must not fail to proclaim You and all You have to offer to every person on earth.

Psa 36:10 (NIV) Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart. Continue to pour out Your love on me and the rest of Your people. Not so that I can be a reservoir. Make me a river that is constantly receiving Your love. Then let it pour fresh from me to all of mankind. Your righteousness is such that I must not hoard any of Your blessings. My upright heart, that Your Holy Spirit has created in me, demands that I share it all with everyone. Keep all of Your love moving in and through me in torrents. Let it be an unlimited flow. Let it reach and change all who will drink from it. Help me to constantly drink deeply from it as well. Keep me filled and keep all who will receive You filled to overflowing.

Psa 36:11 (NIV) May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. This ministry that You have given me must not be stopped. These are Your great provisions. The people of this world cannot live without them. They must have You and all You have to offer. Please don't let anyone get in my way. Let the power of Your great protection so surround me and all Your people that every person on earth gets an abundant outpouring of You and all You have to offer them. Stop all of the efforts of the proud and the wicked. Keep them from having even the slightest influence on the magnitude of Your mighty work. Give me and all of Your people complete victory over anything they might plan to do. Give us Your speed and Your success in everything we set out to do. Anoint us to set out to do everything You have commissioned us to do.

Psa 36:12 (NIV) See how the evildoers lie fallen-- thrown down, not able to rise! Thank You for not letting the evildoers have their way. Thank You for not allowing Satan and all his people to be able to thwart me and all of Your people in any way. Thank You for causing them to lie fallen. Thank You for throwing them down and not allowing them to rise. I believe You are answering all of these prayers I am praying. I believe that You are doing superabundantly above all that I am able to think or ask for. You are THE Great God! You are all I need. You are all I want. You are all I have. I love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Your Holy Spirit has poured an abundant supply of Your love into all that I am. I praise Your holy Name.

PSALM 37

God, I submit myself to Your Word and Your ways.

Psa 37:1 (NIV) Of David. Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; Heavenly Father, I know Your Word tells me that I am not wrestling against humans. It says I am wrestling against powers in the satanic realm. But, I find myself struggling against men. I often want to hate, speak against, retaliate, or protect myself against them. Satan is the power that is motivating all their actions. To inflict humans would be an exercise in futility. Help me to resist the devil like You told me to in Your Word. I have a tendency to get things backward. I seem to see things from a worldly perspective. Give me the ability to see things the way You do. I want to approach the issues of my life from a spiritual view point.

Psa 37:2 (NIV) for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Humans are so fragile. Their needs are so great. I don't want to make them my enemy. Teach me how to do spiritual warfare, my God. Deliver me from hating my enemies. Help me love people and hate Satan with a perfect hatred. Give me Your love for the people You have died for. Teach me how to live the victorious life against Satan, the defeated foe. Fill me with the fruit of the Spirit so I will treat everyone the way He has empowered me to. Flood my life with the light of Your fruit of the Spirit and run out the darkness of the deeds of the flesh. I want to be a person You can emanate out of and bless all the people of this world.

Psa 37:3 (NIV) Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Anoint me with a faith that never wavers. Support my trust in You until it is completely steadfast. Help me fix my eyes on You so I will always see things in relationship to Your existence. I love You and believe in Your love, grace, and power. Flow in and through me to these people who are so fragile. I want to be used by You to do good to all mankind. Put Your goodness in my heart and life. Create Your character in me so that I will live Your Word. Help me put Your full armor so I can defeat all Satan's efforts. Help me use Your equipment so I can resist the deeds of my body, the lure of the world, and the temptations of the devil. I want to live this life and the eternal life because of all Your provisions. Give me complete safety as I go forth in Your Name.

Psa 37:4 (NIV) Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. You are the desire of my heart. I want all You have to offer. Be the source of all I have and all I do. Come into my heart, soul, mind, and strength and be my life, I pray. I want to spend all of time and eternity with You and all You have to offer. I lay all I am before You so that You might take it and use it for Your glory and honor. You alone are worthy of all praise. You have provided all that mankind could ever need or want. You are THE great and mighty God of all creation. Give me the anointing, power, knowledge, understanding, and wisdom to be able to praise You and serve You with all that I am. Heal me of all obstructions that would in any way resist Your plans and will for my life and ministry.

Psa 37:5 (NIV) Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: I commit my will, plans, opinions, feelings, wants, and needs to You, Lord. Your Holy Spirit has built a great trust in You. He has made me able to look to You for all I am and all I need. He has blessed me with a great flow of Your provisions. He helped me think and say great and wonderful things to You. Help me understand and receive Your great and wonderful things. Because of Your Holy Spirit's great work, I believe You have heard and answered my prayers. I believe You will fulfill all Your wonderful, gracious, and merciful promises in and through my life. I can only do what You do through me. Nothing else is worth doing. People don't need me. They desperately need You and all You have to offer. Let them have You and the great things You can do for them. Use me in every way possible to accomplish that for them.

Psa 37:6 (NIV) He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Let Your righteousness be so complete in me that I live exactly the way You want me to live. Give me Your purity so You and live in me in Your completeness. Make me into a dwelling place where You are totally in control. I devote my body, my spirit, and my life to being fully pleasing to You. Cleanse me so You are able to be at home in me. Let my body be Your temple so You can flow in and through me to do all that You desire to do. Accomplish all of this in all of Your people who are willing to let You be the God of their life. Bless them and pour out Your Spirit on them. Show them all You have to offer them. Give them a great desire for Your righteousness. Let Your righteousness shine like the dawning of a new day in and through them. Use all of us to bring the justice of Your cause out like the noonday sun.

Psa 37:7 (NIV) Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Bring me into a stillness and a patient waiting on You, my God. Help me to remain connected to You in a complete way, all the time. Let Your Spirit intermingle with my spirit in total oneness. Make me one with You in all that I am to be all You want to be in me. I wait before You to move in and through me to accomplish Your will in my life and in this world. I see all kinds of things that people are doing. However, it only matters what You are doing. Their success is totally limited by Your will and Your ways. You are using them as vessels of dishonor to accomplish Your will on this earth. They are only succeeding in those areas that fulfill Your plan. Their wicked schemes may look like they are bringing about success for Satan's plans. However, they are all playing right into Your hands.

Psa 37:8 (NIV) Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret--it leads only to evil. I have wanted to get directly involved in the issues of this world. I have felt great stress as I looked at all mankind is doing in their wicked schemes. Anger filled my heart and I wanted to try to use human means to combat their plans. Then You showed me the power of Your salvation. It transforms people into new creations. Those who were planning and doing great evil, changed and started living a life in submission to You. The gospel is Your power to total transformation. Your Holy Spirit helped me to realize that the great commission was the answer to the world's needs. Obedience to it would destroy the works of the devil. You have given us a power that pulls down strongholds. Our weapons are mighty. They aren't human weapons that deal with human techniques. They are spiritual and go directly into the heart and spirit of every person. Your salvation changes people from the inside out.

Psa 37:9 (NIV) For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. You have a plan that will take over this whole planet. The kingdoms of this earth will be a part of Your kingdom of Heaven. You planned all of this from the very beginning. Satan and his people will not and cannot win. I am on the victorious side. I want to make this message available to all mankind. I want them to see what You have shown me. I pray that You will help me show them how great a God You really are. Evil men will be cut off. All everyone has to do is put their hope in You. When we do, we will inherit the land. I devote myself to spreading that message to all of mankind. Everyone who wants to win can come to You and become a part of total victory. You and Your ways are great and wonderful. You are perfect in all You have, are, and are going to do. Praise Your holy Name!

Psa 37:10 (NIV) A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. The only way for a wicked person to win is to turn from their wicked ways and come to You, O holy God. Wickedness is going to be expunged from this earth. If a person will not give up their wickedness, then they will go where their wickedness is going. That is a completely fair, gracious, and merciful plan You have developed. You have made it possible for all of us to be set free from wickedness. Only those who love wickedness will refuse Your great deliverance. Those who hate being treated wickedly will be able to see how wrong wickedness is. Let Your message show them how to stop being treated wickedly. And, show them how to stop treating others with wickedness. Once we have been delivered from all of this sin, we will be able to go into Your eternal kingdom without being contaminants to it. It will be free from all wickedness. Even if we look for it, it will not be found.

Psa 37:11 (NIV) But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace. From the time You set up Your great kingdom to the ceaseless ages of eternity, the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace. There will be no evil to threaten them or make them afraid. What a great kingdom You are building. You have such wonderful plans for Your people. We will be able to rule and reign with You. Your people will experience total peace and joy. Happiness will fill the earth. Your pleasures will be forever more. Your Holy Spirit will cover the earth like the waters cover the ocean. We will all be submerged in Your Holy Spirit and Satan and all his demons and people will be completely separated from it. It is a glorious plan You are bringing into existence.

Psa 37:12 (NIV) The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; Sometimes I look at the current situation and forget how great Your plan is. Sometimes the plots of the wicked seem so real and threatening. There are times my eyes move from Your great plans and start looking at the way things are now. It is during those times that I feel concerned for all their gnashing of their teeth at me. I am made into Your righteousness in Christ Jesus. I know the wicked hate me like they hated You. However, I don't want to feel a lie. There is no way they can hurt me. I am an eternal being. Even if they kill me, I will live forever. Even if they strip me of all my earthly goods, I have all my treasures stored up in heaven. All their plots and their threats are meaningless in the face of Your great provisions.

Psa 37:13 (NIV) but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming. Help me to always join You in laughing at the wicked. Keep my heart filled with the truth of eternity. Deliver me from earthly thinking. My body and my life on this earth isn't what it is all about. If I continue to live here, I will live it in oneness with Christ. If I leave this planet, I will spend eternity in oneness with Christ. To be alive is Christ and to die is total gain. You have set it all up where I cannot lose. The wicked cannot stop any of it from happening to me. As a matter of fact, the more they persecute me the greater You will reward me in eternity. The more they try, the more I win. Your plan is perfect. It cannot be improved on. Give me Your laughter. Let me join You in laughing at the wicked. Help me to rejoice and be exceedingly glad when people persecute me and say all kinds of things against me falsely for Your Name's sake.

Psa 37:14 (NIV) The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright. The wicked are busy trying to stop You and Your plan. They appear to the uninformed as being all powerful. The poor and needy often think that there is nothing they can do to win against them. As they see things from a temporal life view point, they feel helpless in this world. They wonder why You don't do something to deliver them from their plight. They think that when they die, they are going to cease to exist. They don't realize that You have an eternal plan for them. All they can see is the life they are now living. The people of Israel were looking for a king, a savior that would deliver them from their temporary distresses. But, when You came, You had a far superior plan. You came to offer them eternal deliverance from their distresses. It confused them that You didn't set up an earthly kingdom. They wanted to make You king of their temporal life. But, wanted to be king of their eternal life. What an awesome God You are.

Psa 37:15 (NIV) But their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken. The poor and needy can have all their needs met. All they have to do is put their trust in You and You will provide them with a life that offers suffering for a very short time and then eternity in Your great kingdom. Help me to be able to show them this magnanimous truth. Let me give them that which will explode in their mind and in their heart with great hope and expectation. You will bless them now and You will raise them to great heights in eternity, if they will accept all You have to offer. These people that are impressing them and scaring them are going to lose. These people who seem to be totally victorious over them are going to disappear. Please help the poor and needy to give up their hatred against them and forgive them. Help the poor and needy to accept Your forgiveness and live forever in Your kingdom.

Psa 37:16 (NIV) Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; It confuses the poor and needy that the wicked seem to prosper. It looks like You are blessing the wicked and neglecting them. If only the gospel message could be presented to them. If only the poor and needy could see how unimportant the riches of this world are. The poor and needy can look to You and find riches that cannot be stolen, corroded, or lost. They are going to be able to put their hands on great wealth and eternal life in a place that is worth living in. They will have a body that will be able to appreciate life and great blessings. Let me share with them the truth about life and wealth. Our home is not on this earth. The sufferings of this world are not worthy to be compared with the glory we are going to get in Christ Jesus.

Psa 37:17 (NIV) for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous. To the uninformed, heavenly Father, it seems like a wicked person immediately takes the place of one who falls. In some cases it looks like two replace one fallen wicked person. Help me show them this is only temporary. This pattern is going to be broken at Your coming. This old system is coming to an end and Your kingdom will be set up forever. They are going to love living with You. The power of the wicked will be broken forever. You will uphold us then and You will uphold us now. Now You will give us the strength to hold on to the end. Then You will give us provisions that will bless us beyond our wildest dreams. You uphold the righteous.

Psa 37:18 (NIV) The days of the blameless are known to the LORD, and their inheritance will endure forever. You see our sufferings. You care about all we have to go through. I know You are giving all Your people strength to handle all the evil that exists in this world. Help me to see the contrast between evil and Your holiness and purity. Let me use this time on earth to compare what Satan is and what You have chosen to be. My days are short here. I will soon live in a place where all this evil will never be remembered. I want to use my days of exposure to that which is opposite to You. I want to allow myself to be impressed with how different You are. Rather than being impressed or influenced by sin. I want to look at this world situation and realize how great Your holiness is. If I didn't have the wickedness of this world to look at, I might not be able to appreciate Who You are. I thank You for my days here on earth. And, I praise You with everything that is within me for my inheritance that will endure forever.

Psa 37:19 (NIV) In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty. Another thing I want to compare while I live on this earth. It is how You supply for Your children. The way of the wicked person is always a path of suffering and defeat. Sometimes they hold a lot of earthly wealth in their hands. But, Your children hold an incredible amount of miracles and spiritual blessings in their heart. Your children often have great wealth pass through them. They seldom become rich even though they experience great wealth. Your children are rivers that allow Your blessing to flow through them. The wicked try to be reservoirs that keep all that comes to them. Your children share their wealth with those are facing disaster. In days of famine Your children are making sure that everyone gets their needs met. All during disaster and famine the rich try to protect their investments. The compassion of Your children will be transformed into great wealth here and great riches in eternity.

Psa 37:20 (NIV) But the wicked will perish: The Lord's enemies will be like the beauty of the fields, they will vanish--vanish like smoke. Help me not to become impressed with the success of the wicked. Show me how to react to the convenience and beauty they seem to possess. Let me keep in mind that they and their riches will vanish like smoke. Don't let me forget for a second that their way is a way of destruction. You have given me a much better way of life. I want to always appreciate and cooperate with Your will for me. I don't want what the world has to offer. I want Your kingdom to reign in my heart and life. I want to live the kingdom principles now. I am just a visitor here. I must always be aware that I am just passing through. Help me not to grab worldly things on my way. Set me free from all weights and sins at have a tendency to slow me down. Keep me unencumbered with the cares of this world, the desires of my body, and the plans of the devil. I want to be so trimmed down that I can run this race with great success in You.

Psa 37:21 (NIV) The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously; Give me Your attitudes concerning money and things. Let me be a channel through which they flow to the needs of the needy and poor. Deliver me from greed or covetousness. Give me Your power to be glad others have what they have. Keep me from wanting to be like or have what others possess. I know You are giving me only that which is good for me. And, I know You are also giving me things that You want me to give to others. Make me aware of that which You want me to keep and that which You want me to give. Help me to always give everything that You want others to have. Produce a giving spirit in my heart and life. Develop a generous heart of love for all who are needy and oppressed. Make me a channel through which You pour great wealth to the needs of the needy.

Psa 37:22 (NIV) those the LORD blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be cut off. Move me into Your complete blessings. Deliver me from any curses that You are giving out. Put me in the center of Your blessings. I have to have all You have to offer. There is nothing of You that I can live without. Your blessings are vital to all my existence and ministry. All good comes from You. There is no good that can come from any other source. You are my only source for everything. I don't want anything that comes from any other source. Protect me from anything that doesn't come through You. Help me to show all others how to keep from being cut off. Let Your gospel message go out with such power and clarity that all see how to be blessed by You. Bless Your people and let them inherit this land so they can bring You to all people. Provide them with all they need to do Your work and fulfill Your great commission.

Psa 37:23 (NIV) If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; Delight in my ways, O God. Make every step I take be pleasing in Your sight. Let every step I take be solidly placed inside of Your will only. I want to only walk in the paths You have prepared for me. Take my past walk and work it together for good. Take my present path and bless it for Your glory. Anoint my future path with Your presence and oneness. Let me always walk in unity with You. Let us walk as one in everything I do. I adore You and all You do. You are perfect in all Your ways. I only want Your ways to be my ways. If I have Your delight, then I have reached all my goals for my life. You are all I seek. There is no one and nothing that I want besides or in addition to You. You are everything to me.

Psa 37:24 (NIV) though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand. I tried to not stumble and fall. I wanted to live a life that was pleasing in Your sight. I gave it my very best effort and failed. I thought You were extremely disappointed in all my failures and shortcomings. Then Your Holy Spirit showed me the Truth. You weren't looking for me to make myself better. You didn't make me one of Your children so I could try to live up to Your expectations. You make me one of Your children so I could have Your Spirit living in me. Now I have You empowering me to do that which I could never do. My faith is now in Your power and Your transformation. My eyes are no longer on me and my abilities. My eyes of faith are in Your great abilities. My life has been so supernatural and miraculous. Your Holy Spirit has shown me that all this success is You living my life through my body.

Now that I know that it all comes through Your power, You and I are walking together. When my weaknesses try to cause me to stumble or fall, You are right there empowering me to stand. I am standing because You are holding me up. This brings great praise to my heart. Before, when You produced success in my life, I thought I had finally done some great thing for You. I became proud of my spiritual success. Then You had to let me go so I would learn that it was all You. Thank You for Your patience, love, grace, and mercy that taught me to praise You for everything.

Psa 37:25 (NIV) I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. This has been true of all my life, O God. You have never let me down. I have never seen those who have put their trust in You be let down. You have always taken care of all my needs. There were times when I had great trust in what I thought was good for me. During those times I became angry that You wouldn't do what I wanted You to do. Thank You for not getting angry back and letting me have something that would have hurt or destroyed me. I now know I have exactly what You want me to have. I am convinced that only good things are coming my way. I am also convinced that those things I don't have are currently bad for me. I believe in You for being the gate keeper for what comes into my life. You are my great provider.

Psa 37:26 (NIV) They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed. You are my great provider. And You use me to be a provider for the needs of the needy. Generosity is a quality that Your Holy Spirit is working into my heart and life. Before the work of Your Holy Spirit, I couldn't see the things coming my way as being from You. I saw all that came to me as being mine. I didn't realize that You had plans for many of those things to go to others. I would praise You for blessing me with such blessings. Then I would use them as I saw fit. Your Holy Spirit is showing me generosity. I am learning that You are trusting me with other people's supply. Give me great generosity. I want to be a great channel through which You bless the lives of many people with all they need. I believe that all that comes my way belongs to You. I want You to always show me what You want me to keep and use. I also want You to empower me to give all that You want me to pass on to others.

Psa 37:27 (NIV) Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever. Thank You for sending Your Spirit to convict me of sin, righteousness and judgment. Thank You for drawing me to Christ, heavenly Father. And, thank You for saving me from all my sins. You have helped me turn from evil and given me Your righteousness. Your Holy Spirit has helped me start doing good to those around me. Your great work of salvation has brought righteousness and transformation into my life so I can spend eternity with You. Help me to pass all these great provisions on to others. I want them to have everything You have given me. Open their heart to all You have to offer. Prepare a path for Your gospel message to be planted in ready and willing hearts.

Psa 37:28 (NIV) For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off; You have created a plan for putting justice in the hearts of Your people. You have empowered them to live in peace and justice. You have provided us with the power, training, and anointing of Your Holy Spirit. You have implanted us with faithfulness and stability in You. It has been You that has brought us into all we are and have. Then You credit us with all these qualities as if we were the ones doing them. You make us faithful and then You bless and protect us for being faithful. You are a great and generous God. You have given us protection all during our temporal life and then created eternity with no opportunities to be harmed. You have and will continue to protect Your people forever. Thank You for setting me free from wickedness that would have caused me to be cut off from You.

Psa 37:29 (NIV) the righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever. You are removing all sin and wickedness from mankind. Some You are healing and completely delivering from all wickedness. Others You are cutting off and ending their reign to terror. Ultimately all sin and degradation will be cleaned out and we will all be surrounded by righteousness and godliness. So, when we inherit the land You have provided for us, we will possess it as a very desirable place to live. Not only will we dwell in it forever, we will love dwelling in it forever. You are a great provider that has done all things well. You haven't missed one detail of how to provide great and wonderful provisions for Your people.

Psa 37:30 (NIV) The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The changes You make in our life is incredible. Your Holy Spirit teaches us the truths of Your Word. You give us Your insights into concepts concerning all of eternity. The greatness of Your work is being revealed to us. We are able to understand principles that it would be impossible for us to consider. Your great plan of salvation has brought us information that has revolutionized our lives. We are no longer in the dark concerning what Your plan is for all mankind. We are now able to proclaim Your good news to all people. We can tell people how to spend eternity with You. Because of Your wisdom, all our time on earth is surrounded with truths that will help us live a great life. Our hearts are filled with justice and fairness. We desire to live a life with all mankind that is honest and trustworthy.

Psa 37:31 (NIV) The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip. Your Holy Spirit has given me a love for Jesus' commandments. With Him in my life I have been able to allow them to be written on my heart. He has given me a deep desire to follow all that Jesus said in the Gospels. Thank You God for Your Holy Spirit. He has been so wonderful to me. He is teaching me all that Jesus said and did. He has opened my understanding and made it possible for me to start living many of His teachings. My heart soars as the Holy Spirit explains what all those things mean. Jesus' commandments are starting to be a way of life for me. They are transforming my heart and mind. They are moving from concepts into life principles. I have been able to pass them on to so many people. Now their lives are being blessed by Your Son's powerful ministry.

Psa 37:32 (NIV) The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, seeking their very lives;

I know I am walking into great danger most of the time. I know that Satan desperately wants to do me great harm. Satan is constantly trying to block me and my ministry off. He is constantly trying to hurt me physically, emotionally, or spiritually. His plans are to take away my trust in You. Day and night he keeps coming at me to get me to go into pride or fear. There are words flowing into my mind trying to lead me into being separated from Your Truth. I have had to keep using Your Word to block off all of His thoughts and be filled with all of Your thoughts.

Psa 37:33 (NIV) but the LORD will not leave them in their power or let them be

condemned when brought to trial. You have always been right there protecting me from all evil. My enemies' plans and efforts that they bring against me always fail. Instead they always end up falling into them. You are so faithful to me, mighty God. Even though I am weak and vulnerable, You demonstrate Your great love and power in and around me. You have never let me down. You have never failed me. I have seen such miracles that it is becoming easier and easier to maintain constant faith in You. You have protected me when taken to trial; and, you have many times kept me from even going to trial.

Psa 37:34 (NIV) Wait for the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

It is just a matter of time until You cut the wicked off and set up Your kingdom. I just have to keep my dependency on You. I have a lot of issues and problems to face in this current world situation. The needs of the people of this world are great. I am waiting on You to provide all that You want to do in and through me. I am trusting in Your Holy Spirit to help me keep all Your ways. I want everyone to be a part of Your great kingdom. Help me and all of Your people to provide the gospel message to every person. Create a new life in them so they can inherit the land You are preparing for them. Let all who will not accept Your gospel message to be cut off. Block all their efforts to resist the work You have called Your people to do.

Psa 37:35 (NIV) I have seen a wicked and ruthless man flourishing like a green tree in its

native soil, Help me not to be impressed with the momentary success and prosperity of the wicked, mighty God. Keep me from admiring their systems and the way they gain wealth. All their methods appear to work. They publish all kinds of materials explaining how they accomplish their feats. Protect me from looking to them for my life systems. Show me Your ways and produce in me Your wisdom. I don't want to pattern my life after the world. Don't let one small fiber of their philosophies get mixed in with what I do. Set me free from anything that even looks like the way they live. Create in me all of those methods and plans that You are pleased with.

Psa 37:36 (NIV) but he soon passed away and was no more; though I looked for him, he could not be found. I don't want my life to be lived according to temporal concepts. Fill me with Your eternal perspective. All those who are trying to make a name for themselves are heading toward obscurity and oblivion. I want to bring glory to Your Name. I want everyone to know about Your greatness. You will last forever. Your people will spend eternity with You. I want to be found with all of Your people. I want to live this life in such a way that I spend eternity in everlasting success. I want my goals to be formed by You. Let Your life be lived in and through me. Keep me from all of the fate of the wicked. Cleanse me and develop Your purity in all that I am and all that I do.

Psa 37:37 (NIV) Consider the blameless, observe the upright; there is a future for the man of peace. I know that You have a wonderful place prepared for me. You have transformed me by the blood of Jesus Christ. You have trained and empowered me to live upright and in peace with You and all people around me. Your Holy Spirit is living in and through me with great manifestations of Your Truth. He has made my life a miracle of Your love, grace, and mercy. He is taking the truths of Your Word and bringing them alive in me. Jesus is producing His ministry in and through me. They are awesome in all they have, are, and will continue to do. Your ways and Your plans are more beautiful and dynamic than anything else that could be devised. My future has been designed to show forth all that You have done in and through me. You actually did all the work. Yet You reward me for eternity for the work You did in and through me. What a generous God You are.

Psa 37:38 (NIV) But all sinners will be destroyed; the future of the wicked will be cut off. Eternal damnation is a horrifying thing, O God. It is not a place I would want to spend eternity. I would want everyone to do anything they could possibly do to help me not go there. You have charged me to do to others that which I would want done for me. Please do whatever it takes to enable me to keep as many as can be helped from spending eternity without You. I lay my life out before You, my God. I cry out to You with all that I am. So transform me and all of Your people to use everything You have provided to save the lost from eternal damnation. Give me a burden, compassion, and vision for all who do not know You. Speak Your wisdom, understanding, and knowledge into my heart and life. Let Your perfect plan live in and through me. Help me express and live that plan so as to bring all that will receive it, to You.

Psa 37:39 (NIV) The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. This is what I want for all of mankind, heavenly Father. I know this is completely Your heart. You do not want anyone to go into eternal damnation. You have developed supernatural provisions that can set every person free from their sins. You have salvation ready to be applied to anyone who will come to You. You want to be their stronghold for time and eternity. You long to wrap Your loving arms around them. Your heart breaks when people reject You and go their own way. Let the mighty power of Your Holy Spirit go forth into all the world. Prepare the hearts of the unbeliever. Please get them ready to receive all You have to offer. Prepare us Your people to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to everyone of them. Help us take good care of them and raise them up in Your ways. Help me to do everything it takes to get Your complete work done in all of their lives.

Psa 37:40 (NIV) The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him. As I and all Your people go forth to do Your complete work in the lives of all mankind, put a stop to any resistance from those who have already made up their minds. Deliver Your people and protect those wanting to come to You. I have taken refuge in You and I want the lost to take refuge in You. Open the doors, prepare the way, give me Your speed, empower me with Your Spirit, give me the words to present, and do all that is necessary to fulfill Your will on this earth just like it is in heaven. I want You to be praised and glorified in the hearts and through the mouths of every person who will come to You. Let Your glory fill this earth like the waters cover the ocean.

PSALM 38

God, I want Your forgiveness and salvation.

Psa 38:1 (NIV) A psalm of David. A petition. O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. Lord, I know that I have made a lot of mistakes and committed a lot of sins. I know I deserve Your rebuke and discipline. In so many ways I am reaping all the things I have sown. And, I have sown so many things that are not a part of Your will or plan for my life. I am sure You have been disappointed in many of the decisions I have made. But, I appeal to Your grace and mercy. Please deliver me from all of the errors and bad decisions I have made. Redirect my paths and circumstances so that I can live a life based on Your forgiveness not only for my sins but also for my mistakes.

Psa 38:2 (NIV) For your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come down upon me. I understand that You are doing everything because You love me. I have needed the correction and pressure that You exerted against me. I had no idea how far I had drifted from You. It wasn't until You started piercing and pressuring me that I started to see what I was doing. Your rebuke and discipline woke me up and turned me around. I had started neglecting You and Your people. I was allowing the cares of this world to motivate my decisions and how I spent my time. I am glad You put pressure on my life. I know I needed it desperately. None of the changes that You have made would be in my life right now had that not happened.

Psa 38:3 (NIV) Because of your wrath there is no health in my body; my bones have no soundness because of my sin. All of the results of my sins and bad decisions are flooding my life. I am surrounded with the evidence of how I lived and what I involved myself in. Gradually, my involvement in worldly cares pulled all the life out of my body. As I pulled away from You, I lost the power and provisions that constantly flow from You. My sins and shortcomings took all the stability away from my life. I felt the separation all of it was creating between me and You. The more I pulled away, the more wrath and confusion I heaped upon myself. I was like a flower with no sunshine. I was withering and dying from my decisions.

Psa 38:4 (NIV) My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. In addition to the suffering I felt from my separation from You, the guilt of my sins were pressing in on me. The wrongness of my life was a tremendous burden to carry. Nothing was going my way. My emotions were filled with depression and pain. Yet I continued to try to use worldly pleasures to satisfy and heal my emotional dilemma. As I increased my involvement in worldly pleasures, my pain increased. Nothing of the world was able to heal and satisfy me. This lifestyle put me into a circle that was spiraling me downward. The guilt and the burdens increased as I tried to use the world to solve my problems. Finally it all became more than I could handle. I had to have something that would work. I decided that I couldn't keep going in this direction.

Psa 38:5 (NIV) My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly. I had moved into a way of life that accumulated problems. The decisions of my past and the decisions of my present were colliding. None of the activities of my past went away. They remained to corrupt the activities of my present. I was paying for the past while adding more problems in my life. My whole life became one big loathsome sore. Instead of getting pleasure that met my needs, I got pleasure that destroyed my life. I understand now that You and Your ways are right. The principles of Your Word are indeed, Truth. My life is pure evidence that all those things You call sins are definitely evil that forms itself against me.

Psa 38:6 (NIV) I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning. My life and my circumstances have started killing me. As I look around me, I see no hope for tomorrow. Even when something good happens to me, I am so depressed that I can't appreciate or enjoy it. Tears fill my eyes and sorrow fills my life. I know I am paying for all that I have done. I realize that I deserve what I am getting. But, I can't take anymore of this. My days are a waste for anything or anyone that I might help. I am useless to You and all that are around me. I can't help myself, much less anyone else. It feels like I have hit as deep as a person can go.

Psa 38:7 (NIV) My back is filled with searing pain; there is no health in my body. My attention has been drawn to me and my situation. All I can think about is my pain and the lack of health in my body. The pressures of my life are constantly before my eyes. I live with continual reminders of how horrible my life is. I can't think about You or the ministry You have called me to. My suffering is too big for me to be able to take on anyone else's problems. I am totally overwhelmed with the grief and suffering I have brought on myself. I am not saying these things because I blame You. I know I deserve what I am reaping. I remember clearly the moments when I sowed the seeds that have given birth to these calamities. I planted them with my own hands. I just am appealing to Your grace and mercy. They are all the hope I have.

Psa 38:8 (NIV) I am feeble and utterly crushed; I groan in anguish of heart. All of this suffering has crushed my desire to continue in worldly cares. I hate the pleasure that comes from the world, the desires of my body, and the temptations of the devil. As I look at my life, I am convinced that You are the only answer for my current condition. Where I used to be strong and vivacious, now I am feeble and utterly crushed. I used to be happy and excited about life, now I groan in anguish of heart. I hate all my decisions and the plans of my own making. I am convinced that Your way is the only way for me. I am willing to allow all this suffering to drive me to You. My heart is so full of anguish that it is pushing me to You as my solution. I am glad my condition has become so bad that I realize I need a miracle.

Psa 38:9 (NIV) All my longings lie open before you, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from you. I am sure You are ready to hear my heart's cry. I am confident that You care about all I am going through. I bring my life before You so You can start the healing process. I turn from my own control. I give my life into Your hands. I accept You as the Savior of my life. I give into the Lordship of Your desires and plans. From this moment on, I want to let You be the Lord of my life. I want You running my life and my decisions. Here is all the damage that exists in my heart and life. One by one I want to open all of these wounded areas and let You take them and heal them. I receive You as the longing of my life. I direct all my sighing and crying to the heart of Your love.

Psa 38:10 (NIV) My heart pounds, my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes. Here is where I stand in all my heart wounds, God. I welcome You into this first area of damage that I allowed to fill my heart and life. My personal condition is such that I am now filled with a lot of fear. My heart is pounding from all the stress and anxiousness that my wayward life has created. I have tried to solve all my problems by using my own skills, wisdom, and strength. Now I have completely run out of any resources that I can muster up. I put my trust in worldly philosophies of self-confidence, positive thinking, believing in myself, and self-help. Now all my hope is gone. I can't see any way to be delivered. All these philosophies have left me empty and in despair. Please move into these areas in my heart and heal me. Put Your loving hand on this area where all the fear is and set me free. Enter this other area of my heart where I no longer have any strength. Give me Your strength to hold me up and make my stand. Also, I ask that You touch this third area of my heart where I have lost all hope. Fill me with complete trust and faith in You. Touch these three compartments of my heart and empower them with Who You are.

Psa 38:11 (NIV) My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds; my neighbors stay far away. Heavenly Father, another area of wound in my heart and life has to do with people. I reached out to people who lived their lives with worldly philosophies. We only wanted to be around those who had what we needed. We didn't care about anyone who couldn't make us happy. It was all about us and what we wanted. Now that I am burned out and useless, they avoid me because I can no longer satisfy any of their cravings or lusts. I have actually become so bad that even good people are avoiding me. When they tried to get me to turn back to You, I rejected them and told them to leave me alone. Now everyone is staying far away from me. Here is my heart, Lord. I open all these relational problems up for You to heal them. Repair me, mighty God. Create a new attitude and life in me. Help me find true friends and neighbors. Help me to be a true friend to them.

Psa 38:12 (NIV) Those who seek my life set their traps, those who would harm me talk of my ruin; all day long they plot deception. A big area in my heart and life is the damage I have done to others. I have made enemies and hurt friends. Many have turned against me because they have been hurt by the person I became. Now they seek revenge against me. Others are against me because I exposed myself to very questionable characters. I lacked character myself. So, we established undesirable relationships that are now backfiring against me. Heal this area of my heart. Turn me into a person of true character. Heal my heart of the guilt caused by the damage I did to others. Heal those I did damage to. Bless their lives with a wonderful relationship with You. Let them find the answers I have found. Deliver me from those who are evil. Protect me from all their evil plans. Forgive me for ever establishing any relationships with evil people. Let me have great and wonderful friends from You.

Psa 38:13 (NIV) I am like a deaf man, who cannot hear, like a mute, who cannot open his mouth; Because of all my involvement in the cares of this world, I don't know any other way to live. Before, I knew what to listen to. I had all the right clichés, principles, and methods for being a worldly person. Now that I desire to be completely under Your Lordship, I don't know how to hear Your voice or follow Your principles. I go back out into my life's responsibilities and only know one way to live my life. Heal my ears so I can hear, understand, listen, and obey what You have to say. Heal my mouth so I can start to say and do those things that are pleasing to You. Let a constant flow of Who You are spring out of my mouth and life. I want to be Your child. I want to represent what my heavenly Father looks and acts like.

Psa 38:14 (NIV) I have become like a man who does not hear, whose mouth can offer no reply. Block off all communication with the world, Lord. Make me a deaf person to my body's desires, the world's ways, and the devil's temptations. Help me to no longer understand the ways and concepts that they represent. Remove all of their influences from my heart and life. Create a new heart and life in me. Take the words of the world out of my mouth. If I can't say something that brings glory to You, then help me to not say anything. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psa 38:15 (NIV) I wait for you, O LORD; you will answer, O Lord my God. These are the major areas of my heart and life that need Your healing and transforming power. I have made them known to You as a request of my heart. It is my desire that You become my only source. Rather than trying to help You out with this healing process, I wait for You to do Your work. My trust is only in You and You alone. You WILL answer. You are my Lord and my God. I don't want to try to help You get this work done. Help me to simply wait on You for all of my needs to be met. Help me not to go out and do anything until I have Your permission. I want You to constantly guide, direct, empower, anoint, teach, and make me into all that is pleasing to You.

Psa 38:16 (NIV) For I said, "Do not let them gloat or exalt themselves over me when my foot slips." I know I am going to make mistakes. This is a whole new way of life for me. They know that I am a Christian. They see me trying to break away from their way of life. Many of them have tried to change their ways and have failed. Therefore, they want me to fail. It would be a success that they have not been able to accomplish. When they tried, they tried by using their own human efforts. I have Your help and Your power. But, they don't realize why they failed. They stand and hope that I will be living proof that it can't be done. If I succeed, it will make them feel like they aren't strong enough. But, My life can create in them a hunger to have what I have. With You working in my life I can show them that You can make it all work. Show them through me that Your ways are the only way to live a victorious life. Take all their gloating and turn it into questions on how it worked for me. Let them come with a desire to get what You have given me.

Psa 38:17 (NIV) For I am about to fall, and my pain is ever with me. Falling has been my constant way of life. The pain of all my failures is with me all the time. Those failures are saying I will continue to be a failure. I can feel the weakness and the inadequacies all through my abilities. I know that in myself I will fall and will experience more pain. But, in You I will break through and win. In You, I will see the change take place. Hope will fill my heart as I look to You for a whole new way of life. Your power will enable me to do what I hadn't been able to do before. My trust and hope is in You. You are my God and I believe You will make all the difference. I feel the pain going away. I feel excitement taking its place. I know I will be victorious because You are with me and will never let me down.

Psa 38:18 (NIV) I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. Forgive me for putting my trust in myself. I repent of living a self-serving life. My way of life caused me failure and great pain. I thought I could do what only You can do. I don't know why I resisted You and all Your help. I am sorry I turned to my plans and my efforts. I have been very rebellious against Your love, grace, and mercy. Heal me from self-dependency. Fill me with Your presence. I want You and Your blessings on my life. Cleanse me from all this iniquity. Set me free from the sins of selfishness. I love You and want an intimate relationship with You. My self-dependency has keep me from looking to You for all that I need. I turn my attention to You, my God. I open up the avenues of prayer and requests for more of You. I turn from my dependency on me to a complete reliance on You. I know this will build a great relationship between us.

Psa 38:19 (NIV) Many are those who are my vigorous enemies; those who hate me without reason are numerous. Satan has developed a great hoard of people who hate You. Because I love You, they hate me. Many want to stop my life and resist my ministry. I haven't done anything to cause their hatred. They just hate all that I stand for. They want to keep my life and ministry from setting the needy free. These enemies are committed and dedicated. They vigorously pursue any who proclaim Your message. They don't want You and they don't want any others to come to You either. Their cause is to be damned and to take as many with them as possible. They come up with numerous reasons for coming against me. They have devised a large quantity of traps for me to fall into. They want to see me fail at all You have called me to do.

Psa 38:20 (NIV) Those who repay my good with evil slander me when I pursue what is good. These enemies see the good You are doing through me. They see Your great work of love and compassion being ministered through my life. Yet they slander me and resist all that You are accomplishing. I have made Your goodness the pursuit of my life. I have provided that goodness to all of them. They have only experienced Your love and forgiveness. Still they continue to speak evil and lies against me and all of Your people. These are Your enemies too, O God. They are enemies of all who want to come to You. They are trying to form a wall to separate You from Your people. They have no true cause our righteous purpose. See them for who they really are. They are evil people who don't deserve to have any influence. By their actions they have proven that they only have sinful motives.

Psa 38:21 (NIV) O LORD, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God.

I can't defeat them without You, my God. I can't get past them if You don't stay close to me. If You forsake me, I will fail at all You have called me to do. The needy will not receive the good news message that Jesus made possible. I and all Your people have to have You. We will only succeed at ministering to the needs of the needy when You come near. I appeal to Your heart of love. I call out to Your great grace and mercy. I ask for Your mighty power. Let Your presence fill my life and ministry. Make it all great for Your glory and honor. Intervene in this desperate situation. Make a way for me and all of Your people. Empower us to go forward with great success. Give me an open door to do Your mighty work. Let Your power destroy all the efforts of my enemies. Scatter their resistance and plans like chaff in the wind.

Psa 38:22 (NIV) Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior. Do a speedy work, my mighty God. The needs are desperate and many. The time is short and the workers are few. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior. You have saved me. Let the receptive people of this earth be saved as well. They are suffering and dying. Their pain is like mine has been. They are weak and failing. They only see help coming through their own efforts. Let me proclaim Your message of deliverance. Help me be able to get to where they are. Give me the words to tell them. Empower those words so that they can see that You are the answer. Open the doors of opportunity to touch their lives. Please use me to reach out to everyone of them. Come quickly and do a mighty work in and through me. Let all You have to offer touch the needy people's lives and set them free. Make it possible for them to get all You have to offer. Raise them up to go out to all the world and also proclaim Your gospel message.

PSALM 39

God, I want the words of my mouth to please You.

Psa 39:1 (NIV) For the director of music. For Jeduthun. A psalm of David. I said, "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence." Help me see anything in my behavior that isn't pleasing to You. My mouth is my first indication of what is going on in my heart. Let me hear any words that indicate that I am thinking and feeling things that are contaminants in my makeup. Help my mouth line up with Your Word. Let my mouth completely represent all those things that You say in the Bible and nothing else. Help my tongue to yield to Your Holy Spirit so that my ways are being and completely directed by Him. Give me a direct line of communication with Him so that everything I say or do is based on His direction.

Help me not to join the wicked in any of their thoughts, philosophies, or deeds. Keep me heading away from the way they talk and live. Show me how to tell the difference between the way they think and talk and the way You want me to think and talk. Empower me so I will not be swayed by their influence. You are the life I want to live, the way I want to go, and the truth I want to follow.

Psa 39:2 (NIV) But when I was silent and still, not even saying anything good, my anguish increased. I have tried to control my own mouth. I decided that the best thing for me to do was to just keep my mouth shut. So I put my best efforts into trying to keep my mouth shut and not even say things I knew were good. But that didn't even help me. I found that the grief and anguish in my heart was still there. Then I realized that You are my answer. Me keeping my mouth shut didn't solve my problems. It didn't change my life. I needed some kind of help from You.

Psa 39:3 (NIV) My heart grew hot within me, and as I meditated, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue: The more I tried to control my thoughts and the more I tried to keep my mouth shut, the more the pressure came against me to think and say things that weren't pleasing to You. I pondered all of the possibilities of how I could solve the problems of my shortcomings. I racked my brain trying to see if I could come up with a way to live a better life. But, the more I labored in thought, the more the fire burned within me to pressure me into thinking, saying, and doing things that I knew were not Your ways. Then the solution came to me. I needed to open my mouth and pray to You. You know what it is going to take to change my desires, thoughts, feelings, words, and actions. You have the wisdom and the power to help me be changed from the inside out.

Psa 39:4 (NIV) "Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life. Show me how frail I am. Reveal to me how much I need You rather than my own help. Let me see how mortal I am. Give me the full picture of how little my abilities are. If I can see the fact that my life is temporary and You are eternal, if I can see that I don't have time to experiment with my life's paths, it will help me see how much I need You. Show me how short my days are here on earth. Let me realize that my life is too short to try to solve my own problems by using my own resources. I need You.

Psa 39:5 (NIV) You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before You. Each man's life is but a breath. Selah. Sometimes I get to thinking that I have all the time in the world. I get careless with the economy of my life and my activities in it. I wander around in life allowing other people's opinions, job opportunities, circumstances, personal desires, and whims to navigate me all around my life. I find myself not really going toward Your plan or being guided by Your Word.

I now realize that my life is short and time here on this earth is precious. As I look at Your eternal existence and compare who I am with who You are, I see how important it is to allow You to guide my life. You have eternal life available to me. If I live this temporal life according to Your provisions, I can use this life that is merely a hand's width long and make it possible to experience Your eternity. I can take advantage of a life that is just a breath and open the doors to all You have to offer. I now stop and give this concept some serious thought.

Psa 39:6 (NIV) Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro: He bustles about, but only in vain; he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it. Help me realize that how futile my life can be, if I make money my goal. If I setup wealth as the motivating factor in my life, it is going to change all my thoughts, plans, studies, training, and efforts of life. I will place all my attention of this life and forget about eternity. I will start acting like this life is all there is. Help me to not turn into a shadow that goes through a purposeless routine. Help me not join the rat race of people who consider the temporal things of this world as more valuable than the eternal issues. Right now, as I live in this life, the problems and the needs of this life seem like they are life and death issues. Sometimes I can't even think about anything else. In the back of my mind, I realize that I am going to die and all I have worked for is going to go to someone else. In some compartment of my mind, I know this world isn't all there is. But, the demands, the needs, the problems, and the pressures of this life seem to crowd out all of the important aspects of Who You are and what You are offering me.

Psa 39:7 (NIV) "But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in You. I know I am not going to be able to make the correct changes in my attitudes, priorities, or philosophies. If I keep trying to figure this all out and change it myself, I am going to remain right where I am for the rest of my life. I has been impossible for me to figure out what I should do to reconcile the issues of this life with the need to get trained in for eternity. Things that seem perfectly natural to me now will seem silly from the threshold of eternity. I know there are things I need to change. I can feel an indication that I am not walking fully in the ways of Your Word. But, I don't know what that is and I don't have the power to change it. So, I now turn to You. I give my search up to You. I lay my efforts of trying to figure it all out in Your hands. Your Holy Spirit has shown me that I have been looking in all the wrong places for the answers. From now on I want to look to You for the solutions to my dilemma. I place my hope in You. You will show me when to make changes in my priorities and empower me to redirect my steps.

Psa 39:8 (NIV) Save me from all my transgressions; do not make me the scorn of fools. Your Holy Spirit has shown me a much better way to live life. I thought that I was falling short of Your plans for my life in the areas of moral and spiritual failures. I was only concerned with the big breakdowns in my life. It seemed to me that if I could get the victory in those areas, I would be living a pretty successful Christian life. I didn't realize that You had a plan that would change my whole life. You planned to change all my life and save it from not only the big transgressions or failures, You were going to help me with all my transgressions and shortcomings. Now that I am empowered by Your Holy Spirit to see how powerful You really are, I see my life changing in all areas.

There was a life as a Christian that I was living that didn't completely set me free from the old way of life I lived before I came to You. And, that Christian life didn't give me many of the benefits that You offer to Your Christian people. Even the foolish considered me a fool for not being able to enjoy the life of sin and not being able to live the victorious life of the Christian. Your Holy Spirit has shown me how much I have been in Your way, my heavenly Father. I brought the systems, philosophies, and rules of my old life into the new life You gave me. I was putting ALL the responsibilities of living the Christian life on my own power, skills, efforts, and wisdom. I wasn't allowing You to join me in my efforts to live the Christian life. Set me free from living the life of a fool. Set me free from living a life that even the foolish see and dumb. Help me to live such a dynamic Christian life that it brings glory to Your name.

Psa 39:9 (NIV) I was silent; I would not open my mouth, for You are the One Who has done this. I am not blaming You, my God, for the weakness of my Christian life. You have given me the right to join You in this life or to try to live the Christian life by using my own power, determination, skills, wisdom, and knowledge. I am not going to criticize Your approach to how You have treated me. I know You know how to do the right and best thing for me. You are the all wise God Who loves me and is treating me with the very best treatment possible. I know it is You that is allowing my efforts and procedures to fail. This approach has helped me to use my free will to come to You for help. You haven't forced me or superseded my plans or will. You have allowed me to run my own life the way I wanted to. From Your approach I have cried out for help because my life wasn't going as well as the life You presented in Your Word. As I compared my life with what You promised in Your Word, I began to realize that something was wrong. So, I came to You with the discrepancy and Your Holy Spirit showed me where I was taking the wrong approach to Christianity.

Psa 39:10 (NIV) Remove Your scourge from me; I am overcome by the blow of Your hand. Thank You for allowing me to be exposed to the life that comes from human effort. Thank You for allowing me to be corrected by the approach You took with me. Your Spirit has helped me to not be critical or confused about your correction. Because I approached Christianity using the best methods I knew, You have honored my sincerity and have shown Your love by giving me the correction I needed by not allowing my methods to work. You wouldn't allow my prayers to change your approach to allowing my efforts fail. You wouldn't go ahead and give me success in Christianity even though I was using wrong methods. You loved me enough to allow me to be overcome with the failures of life. You wanted me to give You permission to teach me a better approach to Christianity and my relationship with You. Now, dear Lord, let Your scourge pass from me. I open my heart to the teachings of Your Holy Spirit. Lift the blow of Your hand from our relationship. I have been set free from faith in my own approach to living the life You have given me. My faith has been redirected into You and Your ability to empower me to live this life through trust in You.

Psa 39:11 (NIV) You rebuke and discipline men for their sin; you consume their wealth like a moth-- each man is but a breath. Selah Almost everyone around me thought my approach to life was the right way. If it hadn't been for Your rebuke and discipline, I would have had no warning that I was going the wrong way by the life of sin. It all seemed to be the best way for me to find happiness and fulfillment. If You hadn't convicted me of the sins I was committing, I would have never guessed that I was living a life in opposition to You. Because of Your warnings and discipline, I discovered a wonderful life drawn out by You. In my wildest dreams I could have never imagined such an awesome way of life.

All my successes in life would have died with me. But, because You caused me to lose my wealth and success prematurely, it woke me up before it was too late. You loved me enough to take away those things I thought life was all about. And, to my surprise I discovered that they weren't meeting my needs. At a moment of great loss, I found peace and contentment. Just by turning to You I found all the answers to life. My life is so short. I could have come to an end before I discovered the errors of my ways. Thank You for blocking me off and changing the direction of my life. Thank You for helping me to see that You were showing me love and not trying to harm me.

Psa 39:12 (NIV) "Hear my prayer, O LORD, listen to my cry for help; be not deaf to my weeping. For I dwell with You as an alien, a stranger, as all my fathers were. Your Holy Spirit has helped me to see all these experiences in my life so much more clearly. I can see Your hand of love in things I thought were calamities and disasters. I see Your warnings and disciplines as coming from my loving Father Who has been guiding me to His truth. My heart has been changed to wanting what You have to offer rather than what the world has to offer. My goals have change as I am now working for those things that aren't going to end at death. My knowledge has changed as I study Your Word and understand Your truth. My philosophies have changed as I see how much wiser You are than all the wisdom of mankind.

I am now looking to You for the meeting of all my needs. I am starting to involve myself in the process of a mighty tool called prayer. You have shown me that as Your child, I can involve myself in something much more powerful and successful than all my former procedures. Rather than worrying, trying to come up with a solution, trying to find something I could do to resolve my issues, and looking to myself and other humans around me for help. I can have a conversation with You. Now You and I can collaborate together. I can get Your input concerning the way things can be solved. I can receive Your power to help me do and be those things I need to manifest so as to effect a solution. I can now open up the circumstances of my life and invite You to work miracles in the events around me. Hear me now. Listen to this type of cry for help. My prayers are much different than they used to be. I am no longer trying to tell You how to meet my needs.

Psa 39:13 (NIV) Look away from me, that I may rejoice again before I depart and am no more." Let Your eyes of correction look away from me. Let Your eyes of blessing and empowerment look at me instead. I receive Your correction and I believe You are empowering me to change. With that power to change I receive Your power to rejoice again. But this time I rejoice in You rather than in my own accomplishments. This time I rejoice in the fact that You alone are able to help me live the Christian life. I rejoice in the fact that I can't do it without You and You won't do it without me. My life in Christ is a joint effort of Your power and my yielding to that power. I now see that You were correcting me so I would enter into a relationship with You rather than going alone trying to live the Christian life by myself.

I believe that You have helped me to learn the lesson of relationship. Now let me be blessed rather than corrected. Let me continue to exist rather than be destroyed. I know I don't deserve this life You have given me. I know I don't deserve the grace You are offering me. I deserve to be removed from this planet. But, I am appealing to Your grace. Let Your eyes of correction change to eyes of healing, blessing, salvation, and empowerment. Rather than taking my life away, let Your life be placed in my life. Let Your life be lived in and through my life. Let us work together as my Father with His child. I want Your life flowing in and through my life. Let me live; but let me live by means of Your life. I need You and all You have to offer. I give up my abilities, skills, thoughts, reasoning, and efforts. I receive Your abilities, skills, thoughts, reasoning, and power. Rather than me being no more, I believe that You are making me much more than I can ever be on my own.

PSALM 40

God, I want Your sanctification.

Psa 40:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry. God, Your time table isn't like mine. I decide when I need something and think that, that is the moment You should respond. Give me patience to wait for You and Your answers. Help me realize that You not only need to decide what I need; but, you need to decide when I need them. I am always excited and thankful when You give me the things I ask for. But there are times when You say no. There are times when I think I need certain things and You know I don't. There are times when I think I need things and You know I need them at a later time. There are times when I don't need things, I just need You. Help me to patiently wait on You so You will be able to meet my needs as You see fit.

Lord, help me to always realize that You always hear my cry. Help me to accept the fact that You are always right there with me. You never leave me or ignore me. If You are silent, then You have something else that is better for me. Help me to give up that prayer request and accept that better thing instead. When You provide me with that better thing, help me to know it is Your answer to my prayer. Help me to see it as coming from You. Help me to praise You for refusing to give me my inferior request and for giving me something far superior. Help me to see how much better Your answer was and praise You for it. Make me flexible so I can yield to Your will rather than my own. You are so much wiser than I am and You love me more than I can love myself.

Psa 40:2 (NIV) He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. My heavenly Father, I wanted my life to be better while living in the slimy pit. I cried out to You and asked You to help me live a better life in the pit. But You had a much better plan. Your superior answer to my prayer was to lift me out of that pit. I wanted to be able to handle the mud and the mire. I wanted You to make it better in the mud and mire. You wanted to take me completely out of it and set my feet on the rock, Christ Jesus. Thank You for salvation. Thank You for the totally new life You have given me. I now have a firm place to live my life. Life, for the first time, now makes sense and has meaning and purpose. I am set free from confusion and desperation. Help me to see how perfect and loving Your superior answers are. Let this teach me how much wiser You are than I am. Help me see how much greater Your love is than mine. I want Your will rather than my will to run my life.

Psa 40:3 (NIV) He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD. I asked for You to help me with my problems. I just wanted the pain to go away. You not only wanted to make the pain be removed from my life, You wanted to replace it. All I was able to pray for was for You to take my problems away. I only requested that You help me handle my problems and be able to deal with all the muck and mire of my life. You wanted to lift me out of it all and change my whole situation. I resisted Your desires and superior answers. I totally misunderstood Your plan. I didn't think I would like it, if You took away the things I already had. I had grown accustomed to my life in the slimy pit. I was afraid of leaving all of the things I knew. I wasn't able to see how You could give me a life that was better. So, I resisted Your plan and fought Your answers to my prayers. Thank You for being so persistent. Thank You for helping me learn to trust Your wisdom and love. Now I have a new life with a whole new heart of praise and worship.

I now have a new life and a new song to sing. The changes You have made in my life and circumstances are so much better than anything I could have imagined. As I compare my new life with the old one I was clinging to, I causes me to sing and praise You with all my heart. I helps me to want to share all of this with those around me. Help me not to be selfish and keep it all to myself. Use me to help people cease to be afraid of trusting You. Help them be afraid of not trusting You. If they have to be afraid of something, let them see that they need to be afraid of putting their trust in something other than You. Use me to help many to put their trust in You, my heavenly Father. Let the power of Jesus flow into them and give them a new life.

Psa 40:4 (NIV) Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. God, I have been so impressed with humans who have looked so successful. They put their trust in the god of this world and it looked like it was all working for them. I found myself reading their philosophies and allowing them to tell me how to live my life. I made money and the pursuit of it my goal. I tried to mix their methods with Your principles. I tried to live for You on certain days and serve money on other days. All this created debt and slavery as I was forced to work long hours to keep my head above water. I found myself back in the slimy pit even though You had given me a new life on the solid rock of Christ Jesus. I once again became bogged down with the mud and mire of trying to get ahead. Please, one more time, pull me out of this slavery of spending all my time trying to pay the bills I have created for myself. Put me back on the rock of putting my trust in You. Heal me from worldly philosophies and admiration for those who hoard money.

Psa 40:5 (NIV) Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders You have done. The things You planned for us no one can recount to You; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare. Now that my eyes are back on You, God, I can see that Your wonders are far superior to anything this world has to offer. The glitter and sheen of this world distracted me. It all looked real but ended up trapping and ensnaring me. The wonders You have provided me are real and freeing. I had to work so hard just to get a few things from this world. Your provisions are bountiful and free. I am sick of my plans for my life. I want Your plans. I yield to Your plans and invite You to take control of my life. I haven't lived the kind of Christian life You had planned for me. I used the freedom of salvation and squandered it on worldly cares. All this has reestablished the misery, pain, and problems similar to what I had before I accepted You as my Lord and Savior. This isn't the way You wanted me to live the Christian life.

I admit it God. Your way is much better. The things You have planned for me are so bountiful that I can't make a list that includes them all. Nothing I need is excluded from Your plans. They are so great that not only are all my needs being met, I am being blessed with things far beyond my wildest expectations. I am sorry I looked somewhere else for getting my needs met. Trying to mix world principles with Christianity really hurt and enslaved me. Thank you for setting me back on Your solid rock. Thank You for straightening out my life and reestablishing Your bountiful way of life. Help me to stay in trust and faith in You and Your provisions. I will need the ceaseless ages of eternity to express my praise for all You have and are doing for me.

Psa 40:6 (NIV) Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but my ears You have pierced ; burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not require. Thank You for setting me free from the rituals of the law. You are not asking me to live the Old Testament life. Through Jesus we can now serve You through mercy and grace. I thank You for piercing my ears and making it possible for me to hear Your voice. You now live inside me and we can talk Spirit to spirit. Now my sins are completely forgiven and I don't have to keep coming to You for being saved over and over again. You have made it possible for me to spend time with You concerning so much more than salvation. You are such a great God with such an awesome plan for my life. I like the way You are structuring my life so much better than the way I wanted to live it.

Psa 40:7 (NIV) Then I said, "Here I am, I have come-- it is written about Me in the scroll. Jesus has come just like You told the prophets He would. He has fulfilled all the prophecies in Your Word. He has provided salvation for every person in the world. Thank You so much for all His sacrifices and supernatural provisions He has made. I am so blessed by Your great love through Your Son, Jesus. I am so sorry that I looked somewhere else for the provisions of my life. Help me to only want those things I can get through You. Help me to allow You to decide what I should have in my life and possessions.

Psa 40:8 (NIV) I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart." It is my desire to always do Your will. I have tried following my will and my plan for my life and I didn't like the results I got. It is my desire that You put Your plans and Your will in my life. I ask You to take over the running of my life. I have accepted You as my Savior; I now want to make You the Lord of my life. Write Your commandments, words, and laws in my heart. I want to live by Your law of love. I want to learn, understand, and live the words of Jesus. Let my life be an outward manifestation of all He taught.

Psa 40:9 (NIV) I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD. Help me, O Lord, to never keep my mouth shut about Your great purity and righteousness. Help me to let everyone know that they can receive Your righteousness and goodness through Your great salvation. Let me proclaim all the things You are offering us to all the people of this world. We don't have to suffer and live in the slimy pit. You want to set us on the rock of Your salvation. You want to give us a solid life that has purpose and meaning. You want to set us free from yielding to the temptations of the devil, from the desires of our body, and from yielding to the lure of the world.

Psa 40:10 (NIV) I do not hide Your righteousness in my heart; I speak of Your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal Your love and Your truth from the great assembly. I have Your righteousness in my heart; but I don't keep it there alone. I am sharing all You are giving me with those around me. You have been faithful to me and I want everyone to know about it. You have saved me from the pit and have helped me to stay out of it. You have shown me Your love by giving me Your truth. You have loved me with Your great salvation that has forgiven me from all my sins. You have entered into my heart and have made my body Your temple. You live with me and never leave me without comfort and companionship. I am never lonely because Your great presence is always with me. Help the greatness of this relationship between You and me flow out of my mouth and out of my life like a great river. Let everyone around me see how wonderful You have made my life.

Psa 40:11 (NIV) Do not withhold Your mercy from me, O LORD; may Your love and Your truth always protect me. I need Your grace and mercy flowing into my life on a continuous basis. I have to have those things from Your grace that I do not deserve. And, I have to have Your mercy so I can be set free from the punishment and consequences of all those things I do deserve. Pour out Your love and truth on me so I can start doing those things You want me to do. Let Your love and truth empower me to stop doing those things You don't want me doing. Use them to protect me from being someone that does not please You. Fill my life with Your love and truth so I can be set free from all activities that bring reproach to Your name. Help me use this freedom to live a righteous and godly life of love and truth. Produce Your love and truth in my words, thoughts, and deeds.

Psa 40:12 (NIV) For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me. God, I am surrounded with problems that are trying to force me to sin. All the sins I have committed are accusing me of not being a candidate for Your salvation. I can feel how unworthy I am to be forgiven of all the countless sins I have committed. Sometimes the life I have lived in the past seems almost impossible for You to forgive and transform. When I look at all You have to cleanse me from, my heart can hardly take it. I can hardly see any way out of the mess I have created for myself. Even after I finally experienced Your salvation, I still didn't live a life worthy of You. So many times I have let You down and failed You. How can You keep forgiving me and loving me? Yet I know You do. It is that wonderful mystery of grace and mercy.

Psa 40:13 (NIV) Be pleased, O LORD, to save me; O LORD, come quickly to help me. The only way You are going to keep saving me from myself and put me back on the rock of Your salvation is for me to use faith. You will never be pleased with me as long as I try to get You to come to me because of my worthiness. My faith in You is all that pleases You. I now give up my faith in myself and I put my complete trust in You. Flow through the faith Your Holy Spirit has given me. Come quickly to my rescue. I know You will give me all Your blessings even though I do not deserve them. I know You are delivering me from the consequences of my sins even though I deserve those consequences.

Psa 40:14 (NIV) May all who seek to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. Satan and all his minions desire to destroy me. They are coming against me with all they have. I can feel the pressure to give in to defeat. May all these powers and principalities who seek to take my life be put to shame and confusion. May all who desire to bring me to ruin be turned back in disgrace. I am resisting them in Your name. I am using Your power to keep them from destroying my life. You and I are working together to help me win over all the devil is coming against me with. I believe they are being put to shame and confusion. I believe they are being turned by in disgrace. I believe that You Who live in me is greater than those who are in the world. I am winning because You are greater than my enemies.

Psa 40:15 (NIV) May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame. May those who are making fun of me and are sure they have caught me in failure and defeat, be appalled at their own shame. Let them see how great their sins are and be convicted. Let them see how far they have fallen and see their need of Your salvation. Give them such a revelation of their own sins and shortcomings that they cease to try to judge me. Let Your Holy Spirit so reprove them of sin, righteousness, and judgment that they turn their attention away from me to their own need of forgiveness. May the shame of their own life bring them to humility and repentance.

Psa 40:16 (NIV) But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!" Help us to appreciate all You have, are, and will do for us. As I seek You, enable me to rejoice and be glad for all You are and all You do. Give me great appreciation and praise for who You are. If it hadn't been for You, I would still be wallowing in the mud and mire of sin and shame. I compare my life now with the life I lived without You and my heart fills with praise and worship. I want and ask for the ability to always appreciate all You are and are doing for me. Make me thankful for everything You do. I don't want to miss one opportunity to give You thanks for everything. I love Your salvation and I exalt You above everything. I devote myself to exalting You before all people everywhere. I seek You with all my heart and I rejoice and am glad in You.

Psa 40:17 (NIV) Yet I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay. I want to always be poor in spirit. I want to always need You and all You have to offer. I never want to get to the place where I have enough of You. No matter how far and how long I live this Christian life, I want to always realize that I need You still. Help me to never feel full or complete. Keep the hungering and thirsting for Your righteousness gnawing at my heart. Let me feel the intense desire to keep You and Your provisions flowing in and through my heart. Keep me in Your thoughts. You alone are able to help me and keep me delivered. Do not allow any delays to occur in our relationship. Keep a constant flow of Your presence and provisions coursing in and through me.