

# **“Blessed is the One Who Considers the Poor!”**

## **An Analysis of Psalm 41**

## Key Message

The believer who reaches out to the poor will experience God's mercy in spite of personal failure, physical illness, opposition from enemies, and betrayal by friends. Furthermore, God's mercy will extend beyond the believer's earthly life into eternity.

# Structure

- **Instruction:** The LORD Blesses Those Who Are Mindful of the Poor (vv. 1-3)
- **Prayer:** The Psalmist Cries out for the LORD's Mercy (vv. 4-10)
- **Thanksgiving:** The Psalmist Acknowledges the LORD's Favor (vv. 11-12)
- **Doxology:** The LORD Is Worthy of Eternal Praise (v. 14)

## 6 Blessings

- Deliverance in time of trouble (v. 1)
- Protection/preservation of life (v. 2)
- Public recognition of blessing (v. 2)
- Restraint of enemies' plans (v. 2)
- Strength in time of illness (v. 3)
- Recovery from illness (v. 3)

## 2 Requests for Healing

### Verse 4

As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!”

### Verse 10

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

# A Difference in Tone

## 2 Samuel 15:25-26

If I find favor in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me back and let me see both it and his dwelling place.

But if he says, “I have no pleasure in you,” behold, here I am, let him do to me what seems good to him.”

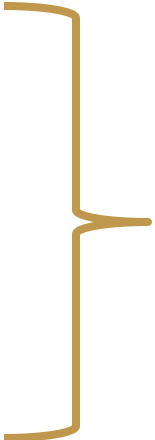
## Psalms 41:11-12

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

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

## 5 Concluding Doxologies in Psalms

- Psalms 41:13
- Psalms 72:18-19
- Psalms 89:52
- Psalms 106:48
- Psalms 150:6



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# Practical Lessons from Psalm 41

- God intends for us to be mindful of the poor and to meet their needs as we're able to do so.
- A variety of blessings await those who are considerate of the poor.
- We can rest in the fact that no circumstance escapes God's sovereign control, his inscrutable wisdom, and his tender love.



# Practical Lessons from Psalm 41

- As God's children, no matter our earthly circumstances, we're forever blessed and privileged to enjoy his presence.
- Failure is not final. The proper response to sin is confession, which leads to a restoration of fellowship.
- The proper response to God's mercy in our lives is for us to bless him forever.