

JUST GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS? ~ Psalm 40:1-17

STANDING ON SOLID GROUND ~ Psalm 40:1-5

[1] I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. [2] 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. [3] 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. [4] 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. [5] 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.

APPLICATION

***Ephesians 2:8-10** God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. [9] Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. [10] For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, SO THAT we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (NLT)*



OBEDIENCE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN RITUAL ~ Psalm 40:6-10

[6] Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. [7] Then I said, "Here I am, I have come-- it is written about me in the scroll. [8] I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

***Deuteronomy 17:18-19** When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests... [19] It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees...*

[9] I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD. [10] 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.

Proclaim =

Praise God for His...



APPLICATION

1 Samuel 15:22 ...*"Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in OBEYING the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.*

Psalms 51:16-17 *You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. [17] The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*



WHAT CAN WE DO?



"Each day I get out of bed flying the white flag of surrender at full mast. I will not relegate God to emergency situations. He will exert ongoing influence over the mundane and the momentous issues of my life. I must build a core value of God-dependence in every aspect of life..." (Soul Passion - R. Richard pg. 114)

I NEED YOUR MERCY O GOD ~ Psalm 40:11-17

[11] Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD; may your love and your truth always protect me. [12] 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. [13] Be pleased, O LORD, to save me; O LORD, come quickly to help me. [14] 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. [15] May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame. [16] But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!" [17] 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.

SO WHAT ??