

Sermon Outline

The Triumph of Waiting on God

Psalm 40

Introduction: U2 song

The theme of waiting, building up in Psalms 36-39, comes to a triumphant expectation in Psalm 40 verse 1.

I. Psalm 40:1-4, 12-17 – David's testimony (and ours)

vs. 1a: Waiting: Endurance and Expectation

vs. 2a, 12-15: The circumstances – desolate pit, miry bog

Enemies within (personal sin)

Enemies without (mockers and God-haters)

vs. 1a-2, 17: God saves the helpless and hopeless

Waiting = trusting God (belief, saving faith)

The parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25)

vs. 3a, 8b: A new song from a new heart

vs. 3b, 9-10: Singing to others as a testimony

Testify in the great congregation

vs. 4: A song calling on others to trust God

II. Psalm 40:5, 10-11, 16 – Our song: Great is the Lord!

God's great thoughts toward His people (Ps 139:17, 144:3)

God-centered praise and testimony

Beware of flattery and exaltation of men

Use of God-centered songs in worship

III. Psalm 40:6-8 – The climax: Behold I have come

Obedience is better than sacrifice (1 Sam 13:8-14, 15:17-23)

David speaks for his greater Son (Hebrews 10:5-10)