
PSALM, CHAPTER 41

1. Who is promised a blessing in verse 1? _____

* **Consider** means not only to think about, but *to relieve; to attend to*.

2. Verses 1-3 contain 7 ways that the Lord will bless us when we consider the poor!

(1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

(5) _____

(6) _____

(this means a time of sickness or a sorrowful period in one's life) (7) _____

_____ * Now read Proverbs 19:17 + 21:13.

3. Why did David say that his soul needed healing? _____

_____ * Have you prayed this prayer? We pray for healing for our bodies - but do we say, "Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee"? The Lord will give us His living water, His healing Bread, and a transfusion of His cleansing blood!

4. What did David's enemies ask and anxiously wait for? (1) _____

(2) _____

* These are the desires that the enemies have for all of the body of Christ. It is the name of the wicked that will rot according to Proverbs 10:7! They will never get their desires! God's children cannot die! We have been given eternal life! Our names will never perish! They are written in heaven! See Luke 10:20; Revelation 13:8 + 17:8; and Malachi 3:16-18!

5. What did the ones who hated David do against him? (1) _____

(2) _____ * Evil plotters whisper in secret, behind closed doors. All their words and wickedness will be revealed. Read Luke 12:2-3 and I Corinthians 4:5. Read what Jesus said to the High Priest during His trial in John 18:20. Jesus hid nothing. He had no whispered plans, hidden agenda, secret oaths, or secret handshakes. See Matthew 10:27. There is nothing our Lord has told us that we cannot proclaim from the housetops! See John 15:15. He has asked His servants to preach the gospel to every creature! He has given us His Word and instructed us to preach it! He hides nothing from us! He is LIGHT! His works and His words are for all to see and to hear!

6. What did the enemies of David say he would **not** do again? _____

* They did not know the promise of the Lord to His people! See Proverbs 24:16!

7. Who was included in the whisperers? _____

* As was Judas, one of Christ's own disciples! See Proverbs 27:6. Jesus knew that Judas would betray Him. See Luke 6:16 and John 6:64 & 70-71. Read what David wrote in Psalm 55:12-14. How it hurts when one we believed was our friend joins our enemies! Job was deeply hurt when his friends turned against him. See Job 19:19.

8. Had David trusted his friend? _____ * Jeremiah spoke of these in Jeremiah 9:8. Read Psalm 28:3 + 55:21. We desperately need the gift of discerning of spirits today. It is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to His people to protect them (I Corinthians 12:7-10). See Mark 13:12. Perilous (dangerous) times will come in the last days. The description of men includes traitors. (II Timothy 3:1-5) Friends and family members turning against God's people will be one of the