PSALMS 41-43

REVIEW…

- **Psalm**
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    Psalm
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    uses
  - SIN
    miss

38 – Chastened by LORD
PENITENTIAL
– where David confesses his sin before the LORD…
OLD Testament
THREE words to describe SIN…
[חַטָּאָת] – means to the mark – an accidental mistake…

- TRANSGRESSION [פֶּשַׁע] – means rebellion – an intentional sin against God…
- INIQUITY [עָוֹן] – speaks of our convictions – because of SIN or TRANSGRESSION…
- The only HOPE for to the SIN – is REPENTANCE – that leads to SALVATION!

- **Psalm 39 –** Wise words
  - David chose to GUARD his words – and not REACT in ANGER to the world around him…
  - Men who are like a VAPOR – or a SHADOW – here one moment an gone the next…
  - So instead of REACTING to them – put HOPE in the LORD – and say NOTHING!
- **Psalm 40 –** The will of God
  - The LORD hears – the LORD saves – therefore we should TRUST in the LORD…
  - But the LORD does not work in OUR time – David had to wait 22 years to become KING!
  - Who is the LORD – He is one who offered a BETTER sacrifice – through Jesus!

Psalm 41 – Caring for Others

- **1st – Care of others… vs. 1-4**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David!
    - CHIEF Musician – the one who plays [piel] the music!
  - 2nd – Consider… vs. 1
    - Blessed is he who considers the poor!
    - BLESSED - from the ROOT [אָשַׁר] meaning to WALK straight…
    - Is the person the LORD CAUSES [hiphil] to CONSIDER the POOR [דַּל] – weak…
    - We tend to think that life revolves around us – we only think about our needs…
    - But if are only FOCUSED on our problems – we are going to be miserable…
    - We are ONLY going to see our problems – and we will easily get overwhelmed…
    - But when CONSIDER others - our perspective changes - we see things in a new light...
    - The LORD uses us to be a SOLUTION – rather than focus on the PROBLEM…
    - The LORD wants to REMIND [hiphil] us to care of OTHERS!
    - **Philippians 2:4** – "Do not look out only for your own interests - but take an interest in others."
  - 3rd – Three RESULTS… vs. 1-3
    - The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
      - FIRST - the LORD will DELIVER [piel] him!
      - The WORLD teaches us to look out for number ONE – focus on our NEEDS…
      - Because if we do not take care of ourselves – no one else will!
      - But it turns out this is a LIE – we CANNOT take care of ourselves…
      - And it is ONLY when we CONSIDER others – the LORD takes care of us!
    - LORD will preserve him and keep him alive - and he will be blessed on the earth.
      - You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies!
      - SECOND - the LORD will GUARD [piel] him – so that he WALKS [אָשַׁר] straight…

- As a RESULT – his path will keep him away from his ENEMIES!
- When we CONSIDER others – it makes us walk the RIGHT way…
- So that we AVOID the temptation from our ENEMY to live a SELFISH life!

▪ The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness. You will sustain him on his sickbed!

- THIRD – the LORD will STRENGTHEN [support] him – when he is sick!
- This does NOT mean we will NOT get sick – it assumes we will…
- But when we take care of others – the LORD will also take care for us!
- Dorcas [Tabitha] was a disciple who care for the people in the church – **Acts 9:36-43**
- When she DIED – the church called for Peter to come and pray for her…
- Peter prayed – and the Lord healed her [RESURRECTION]!
- Often we look for OTHERS to take care of our NEEDS - but there is no CONNECTION…
- It is when we CARE for others – that then in turn CARE for us!

○ 4th – Need for Grace… vs. 4

▪ I said – LORD be merciful to me. Heal my soul - for I have sinned against You!

▪ Lord have GRACE [חָנַן] on me – and HEAL [רָפָא] my SOUL…

▪ Because I have SINNED [חָטָא] – to miss the MARK - against YOU…

▪ What was his SIN [perfect] – not CONSIDERING and CARING for others!

▪ When we do NOT take the time to give food the hungry…

▪ When we just pass by the NEEDS of our brothers and sisters in Christ

▪ When we when do NOT care for strangers we are actually IGNORING Jesus…

▪ Which is why we need the LORD to REMIND [hiphil] us to care of OTHERS!

▪ **Matthew 25:40** - "[Jesus] He will answer them saying – Assuredly I say to you - inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these - you did not do it to Me."

- **2ND – GET WHAT YOU GIVE… VS. 5-9**

○ 1st – Gossip… vs. 5-7

▪ My enemies speak evil of me. When will he die - and his name perish.

▪ If he comes to see me he speaks lies. His heart gathers iniquity. When he goes out - he tells it.

▪ All who hate me whisper together against me. Against me they devise my hurt!

▪ Because David did not CARE for others – it gave OPPORTUNITY to his ENEMIES…

▪ They would come and see him when he was SICK – and would try and FLATTER [piel] him…

▪ But what they really wanted was to learn about his SIN – so they could spread [piel] GOSSIP!

▪ **Proverbs 29:5** – "A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet."

▪ Be careful when people say really nice things about you…

▪ More often than not they are just trying to get us to open up – so they can GOSSIP…

- Do not LISTEN to the FLATTERY of those who like to WHISPER…
- Instead LISTEN to those who are willing to tell us the TRUTH!
- **Proverbs 27:6** -"Faithful are the wounds of a friend... "

- 2nd – Rumors… vs. 8
  - An evil disease - they say - clings to him. And now that he lies down - he will rise up no more!
  - Because David did not CARE for others – those who came to see him - LIED about his sickness…
  - They SAID – God POURS [cling] an EVIL disease on him – he will never get out of his bed again…
  - Because David had not CONSIDERED others – no one was HELPING him!
  - We are to treat others – the same way we want them to treat us - the GOLDEN rule…
  - If we want people to care for us – NOT gossip about us – then do the same to them!
  - **Matthew 7:12** – "Whatever you want men to do to you - do also to them…"
- 3rd – Betrayal… vs. 9
  - My own familiar friend in whom I trusted - who ate my bread - has lifted up his heel against me!
    - A man of PEACE [שָׁלוֹם] – we ate with me – was CAUSED [hiphil] to come against me…
    - Perhaps a reference to Ahithophel - one of the most TRUSTED advisors of David…
    - He BETRAYED David – and supported the rebellion of Absalom – **II Samuel 15:12**
    - Because Ahithophel was the grandfather of Bathsheba – **II Samuel 11:3 / 23:34**
    - David had an affair with his granddaughter – and murdered his son in law Uriah!
    - When we do NOT consider OTHERS – we end up living SELFISHLY..
    - The results is it can DESTROY lives – turn FRIENDS into ENEMIES!
  - Do all BETRAYALS come from SELFISHNESS…
    - Sadly the answer is NO – sometimes people BETRAY us because they are SELFISH…
    - Jesus quoted this very verse when speaking about Judas…
    - Who because he was SELFISH – BETRAYED the LORD!
    - **John 13:18** – "I know whom I have chosen - but that the Scripture may be fulfilled - He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me."

- **3RD – RESTORATION… VS. 10-13**
  - 1st – Well pleased… vs. 10-11
    - But You O LORD - be merciful to me and raise me up - that I may repay them.
    - By this I know that You are well pleased with me because my enemy does not triumph over me!
    - LORD give me GRACE [חָנַן] – so that I can make PEACE [שָׁלַם] with those I have HURT…
    - I know the LORD will be PLEASED – because my ENEMY will no longer SHOUT at me!
    - When I was a kid – I went to the house of a friend and borrowed a game without asking…
    - When he found out I was FULL of excuses – THOUSAND reasons why what I did was OK…

- But he rebuked me – just say you are SORRY so I can FORGIVE you!
- We will ALWAYS have reasons why we should not CONFESS…
- We are RIGHT – the other person is WRONG - NOT a big deal – they are just OVERREACTING…
- But until we are willing to CONFESS - there cannot be restoration of the relationship!
- **Matthew 5:23-24** – "If you [come to worship] and… remember that your brother has something against you… first be reconciled to your brother - and then come and [worship]."

- 2nd – Integrity… vs. 12-13
  - As for me - You uphold me in my integrity - and set me before Your face forever.
  - Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen!
  - LORD make me COMPLETE – and cause [hiphil] me to stand before You FOREVER…
  - And KNEEL [בָּרַךְ] before the LORD – God of ISRAEL – AMEN!
  - David understood to be RIGHT with the LORD – he had to first be RIGHT with men…
  - If we have OFFENDED or HURT someone – because we were not CONSIDERING them…
  - Then we go and make it RIGHT with them – then we will be RIGHT with the LORD…
  - Because it is through LOVING others – we show we LOVE the LORD!
  - **I John 4:21** – "He who loves God must love his brother also."

Psalm 42 – Thirst for the Lord

- **1st – Book II…**
  - 1st - FIVE different books…
    - Book 1 – Psalms 1-41
    - Book 2 – Psalms 42-72
    - Book 3 – Psalms 73-89
    - Book 4 – Psalms 90-106
    - Book 5 – Psalms 107-150
  - 2nd - Background…
    - We do NOT know who divided Psalms into FIVE books – but all manuscripts have them…
    - Though NOT certain – it is possible the divisions correspond to the FIVE books of Moses!
  - 3rd – Differences…
    - Book 1 – all 41 Psalms were written by David [37 mention him by name]
    - Book 2 – ONLY 18 of the 31 books are written by David!

- Book 1 – the name of God [יְהוָה] is used 272x – the word God [אֱלֹהִים] is only used 15x…
- Book 2 – the word God [אֱלֹהִים] is only used 164x – the name of God [יְהוָה] is only used 30x!

- **2ND – THIRST FOR THE LORD… VS. 1-2**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah!
    - CHIEF Musician – the one who plays [piel] the music!
    - The SECOND of THIRTEEN Psalms that have the title – a CONTEMPLATION…
    - CONTEMPLATION – root [שָׂכַל] – meaning to teach or give instructions [hiphil]
    - Sons of KORAH [קֹרַח] – was a COUSIN of Moses – from the tribe of LEVI – **Numbers 16:1-3**
    - His decedents became WORSHIP leaders in the TEMPLE…
    - But Korah led a REBELLION against Moses – arguing he should LEAD Israel…
    - But God opened up the EARTH and swallowed him up along with ALL who followed him!
    - Be careful who you stand with - you will become like them - and share their fate!
    - **I Corinthians 15:33** – "Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits."
  - 2nd – Like a deer… vs. 1-2
    - As the deer pants for the water brooks - so pants my soul for You - O God.
    - My soul thirsts for God - for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God!
    - A deer CRAVES water – because it is NEEDED to keep them healthy and ALIVE…
    - In the same way – we should CRAVE the living God [אֱלֹהִים] – generic name for the LORD…
    - Because He is what keeps us SPIRITUALLY healthy and alive!
    - **John 4:13** – "Whoever drinks of this water [from the world] will thirst again…"
    - How many times have we said – if I could only have THIS - I would be happy...
    - And when we get what we wanted – we are happy for a moment – then we want more…
    - No matter how many times we drink from the water of the world – thirsty again!
    - **John 4:14** – "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst."
    - We were not CREATED by God to be FULFILLED by the things of this world...
    - We were CREATED by God to KNOW Him - WORSHIP Him - **John 17:3**
    - And only when we use our life for the purpose God intended for it - are we SATISFIED!

- **3RD – DRY WELLS… VS. 3-4**

- 1st – Looking to Men… vs. 3
  - My tears have been my food day and night while they continually say - Where is your God!
    - Get the picture – the AUTHOR is in a DRY place spiritually…
    - He feels SEPARATED from God [אֱלֹהִים] – does not even call Him by name [יְהוָה]
    - As a RESULT – he has no JOY – he is overflowing with TEARS [day and night]
    - And everyone around him is asking him – where is your God [אֱלֹהִים]!
  - Going to the WRONG source…
    - The question is – WHY was the author listening to the questions of MEN…
    - He was THIRSTY for the LORD – but asking MEN for the answer!
    - When we feel SPIRITUALLY dry – do not ask others around for HELP…
    - We need to go to the SOURCE – go back to Jesus – to get refreshed!
- 2nd – Looking to religion… vs. 4
  - When I remember these things - I pour out my soul within me.
  - For I used to go with the multitude. I went with them to the house of God…
  - With the voice of joy and praise - with a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast!
  - The AUTHOR continually [imperfect] chose [hithpael] to go with the CROWD to the Temple…
  - They would go through the motions and SING – celebrating the required FEASTS – **Leviticus 23**
  - But rather than satisfy the THIRST – it only made them [cohortative] even THIRSTIER!
  - Most people look at RELIGION as a way to try and quench their THIRST for God…
  - I will show up to church on Sunday – sing a song – follow the crowd – and feel better…
  - But RELIGION is EMPTY – because it lacks the RELATIONSHIP we crave with our maker…
  - It might SEEM like it is a SOLUTION – but it is just another DRY well!

- **4TH – ABUNDANT WATER… VS. 5-7**
  - 1st – Salvation… vs. 5
    - Why are you cast down - O my soul - and disquieted within me.
    - Hope in God - for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance!
    - The QUESTION – if I am looking to MEN and RELIGION – why is my [piel] BROKEN inside [soul]
    - Because [sequential] I have chosen [hithpolel] to look to Men of RELIGION…
    - But God used my BROKENNESS – to cause [hiphil] me to put my HOPE [יָחַל] in Him…
    - Who is the God I need to HOPE in – his HELP – root word [יְשׁוּעָה] – looking at the face of Jesus!
    - There is only ONE thing that will EVER satisfy our SOUL – looking to Jesus…
    - We were created with that ONE purpose – to have a RELATIONSHIP with Him…
    - If we are THIRSTY – if we are TROUBLED – spend time with our SAVIOR!

- 2nd – Honesty… vs. 6-7
  - O my God my soul is cast down within me. Therefore I will remember You…
  - From the land of the Jordan - and from the heights of Hermon - from the Hill Mizar.
  - Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls. Your waves and billows have gone over me!
  - The AUTHOR is HONEST with God – I chose [hithpolel] to BROKEN inside [soul]
  - Because he had looked to MEN and RELIGION rather than to Jesus…
  - But the being BROKEN – is what brought him to REMEMBER God…
  - He was sinking [Jordan] but would THINK of God in the HIGH [Hermon] and LOW [Mizar] times
  - Because our God has WATERFALLS – OCEANS of water – ready to QUENCH our thirst!
  - There is often a LOT of pressure to ACT like everything is OK in life…
  - When we see people at church – we smile – no matter how much we hurt inside…
  - Often we take that same attitude with Jesus – PRETENDING we are GOOD…
  - But we are NOT fooling God – better to be HONEST with Him…
  - REMEMBERING – we feel DRY because our God is trying to get our ATTENTION…
  - And if we will just LOOK to Him – He has an INFINITE supply of WATER to refresh us with!
- **5TH – Looking up… vs. 8-11**
  - 1st – God is with me… vs. 8
    - The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime…
    - And in the night His song shall be with me - a prayer to the God of my life!
    - The LORD [יְהוָה] – first time this is used in this Psalm – calling on God by NAME…
    - He will COMMAND [piel] His LOVE [חֶסֶד] satisfy me in the DAY…
    - And at NIGHT – he would have the SONG of the LORD in his heart as a PRAYER!
    - To KNOW the LORD – is to experience the LOVE of the LORD – **I John 4:8**
    - The result of having the LOVE of the LORD – is we will worship God – even in the DARK times!
  - 2nd – Enemies surround me… vs. 9-10
    - I will say to God my Rock - Why have You forgotten me.
    - Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy. As with a breaking of my bones…
    - My enemies reproach me while they say to me all day long - Where is your God!
    - I will REALLY [cohortative] say to my God [אֵל] my ROCK – WHY did you FORGET [perfect] me…

- WHY do I go in DARKNESS [mourning] – oppressed by enemies…
- Like a broken bone – they taunt [piel] me all day lone with – where is your God!
- Looking to the LORD – does NOT stop the attacks of our enemy…
- Just the opposite – if often makes them all the more intense [piel] – **John 16:33**
- But we are NOT satisfied by an EASY life – we are SATISFIED by a HOLY life…
- And God uses the TRIALS we go through to teach us to CLING to Him – **I Peter 4:12-13**

  - 3rd – Hope in God… vs. 11
    - Why are you cast down - O my soul - and why are you disquieted within me.
    - Hope in God. For I shall yet praise Him - the help of my countenance and my God!

    - This seems like a STEP back – like the TRIALS made him BROKEN again…
    - But the wording from verse 5 is REPEATED – with TWO differences…
    - FIRST - the Author is now calling [יְשׁוּעָה] MY help – because He is LOOKING to Jesus...
    - SECOND – the Author is now calling out to MY God [אֱלֹהִים]!
    - Being SATISFIED does not mean that God CHANGES our CIRCUMSTANCES…
    - It means He CHANGES us – he brings us to the place where He is our SAVIOR and our GOD…
    - So even when our BROKEN inside – we know where to put our HOPE!

Psalm 43 – Thirst for the Lord

- **6th – The Cycle… vs. 1-2**
  - 1st – Introduction…
    - There is NO introduction to the Psalm – but it is believed to be attached to Psalm 42
    - The conclusion of the Psalm is the same from the previous chapter.
    - Therefore we assume is the same AUTHOR – the Sons of Korah!
  - 2nd – The cycle… vs. 1-2
    - Vindicate me - O God - and plead my cause against an ungodly nation.
      - Oh - deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!
      - For You are the God of my strength. Why do You cast me off.
      - Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy!
      - JUDGE [imperative] me God [אֱלֹהִים] – FIGHT [imperative] for me…
      - Stand against a nation with no LOVE [חֶסֶד] – men who are EVIL [עָוֶל] and speak LIES!
      - Because You are my REFUGE [strength] – why then would you REJECT me…
      - And let me go in the DARKNESS because of my ENEMIES!

- The Author realized he was going in CIRCLES – back to the THIRSTY…
  - God has REJECTED me – and I am in DARKNESS because of my ENEMIES…
  - So he implores God to JUDGE his heart – so He can be his REFUGE!
  - Too often we just go through the same MISTAKES in over and over…
  - Everything falls apart – because we are NOT looking to Jesus…
  - But once things calm down a bit – rather than learning our lesson – we go back to old ways…
  - The definition of insanity – is doing the same thing but expecting different results…
  - If something is not working – then it is time to try something NEW!

- **7TH – THE TRUTH… VS. 3-4**
  - 1st – His LIGHT… vs. 3
    - Oh - send out Your light and Your truth!
    - Let them lead me. Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle!
    - SEND [imperative] you LIGHT and TRUTH to me…
    - They will CAUSE [hiphil] me to be LED to your HOLY hill – Tabernacle!
    - Jesus is the LIGHT– **John 8:12** – Jesus is the TRUTH – **John 14:6**
    - When Jesus comes into our LIVES – He LEADS us into the PRESENCE of the LORD!
    - The truth is we all NEED Jesus - we NEED His Grace – EVERYDAY…
    - The moment we think we are ok without Jesus - is the moment we NEED Him the most…
    - So come into the LIGHT – come to the TRUTH – and find GRACE in the presence of the LORD!
    - **Hebrews 4:16** – "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
  - 2nd – His Presence… vs. 4
    - Then I will go to the altar of God - to God my exceeding joy.
    - And on the harp I will praise You - O God - my God!
    - Then I will REALLY [cohortative] go to the ALTAR of God [אֱלֹהִים]
    - God who is my JOY – you will cause [hiphil] me to PRAISE you on the harp!
    - When we praise God - we find whatever burden brought us to prayer is gone...
    - Our perspective changes - we see our circumstances in a new light...
    - We no longer see our problems - instead our God who is greater than any problem!
    - Our problems swallowed up in the praise of our incredible Lord!

- **8TH – THE CONCLUSION… VS. 5**
  - 1st – Cast down…
    - Why are you cast down - O my soul. And why are you disquieted within me!

- For the THIRD time the author REPEATS this phrase – identical to **Psalm 42:11**
- Because one day we are on a SPIRITUAL high – the next day we CRASH again!
- A moving worship service can make us FEEL closer to God…
- But a BAD day at work can make us FEEL like there is no HOPE…
- EMOTION does not bring CLARITY or TRUTH – it often conceals it!
- Our problem is our heart – we are the problem – we are sinners!
- **Jeremiah 17:9** - "The heart is deceitful above all things - and desperately wicked…"

- 2nd – Hope…
  - Hope in God. For I shall yet praise Him. The help of my countenance and my God!
  - If anyone ever says they have a NEW solution – they are a LIAR…
  - The TRUTH never changes – the answer is ALWAYS the same….
  - HOPE [imperative] in Jesus [יְשׁוּעָה] – who is our HELP and our God!