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Lord, thank You for the blessings You have given to my family and me. You have abundantly blessed me, and I am so grateful for everything You have done. I ask You to help me keep the right attitude toward others who have less than I do; to refrain from a false attitude of pride or haughtiness; and to see myself as the manager of divinely assigned funds. I want to trust in You, Lord—not in the things You have placed at my disposal. Possessions and material things are fleeting, but You are always the same. Therefore, I choose to fix my hope on You and not on the financial increase with which You have blessed me. Fill me always how to be a wise steward of what you have blessed me with and each day whom to bless and how and whom to pray for and how, I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.....

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## Psalm 39:1-13 (AMP)

1 I SAID, I will take heed and guard my ways, that I may sin not with my tongue; I will muzzle my mouth as with a bridle while the wicked are before me. 2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace without profit and had no comfort away from good, while my distress was renewed. 3 My heart was hot within me. While I was musing, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue: 4 Lord, make me to know my end and [to appreciate] the measure of my days—what it is; let me know and realize how frail I am [how transient is my stay here]. 5 Behold, You have made my days as [short as] handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in Your sight. Truly every man at his best is merely a breath! Selah [pause, and think calmly of that]! 6 Surely every man walks to and fro—like a shadow in a pantomime; surely for futility and emptiness he is in turmoil; each one heaps up riches, not knowing who will gather them. 7 And now, Lord, what do I wait for and expect? My hope and expectation are in You. 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the scorn and reproach of the [self-confident] fool! 9 I am dumb, I open not my mouth, for it is You Who has done it. 10 Remove Your stroke away from me; I am consumed by the conflict and the blow of Your hand. 11 When with rebukes You correct and chasten man for sin, You waste his beauty like a moth and what is dear to him consumes away; surely every man is a mere breath. Selah [pause, and think calmly of that]! 12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears! For I am Your passing guest, a temporary resident, as all my fathers were. 13 O look away from me and spare me, that I may recover cheerfulness and encouraging strength and know gladness before I go and am no more!

## Psalm 40:1-17 (AMP)

1 I WAITED patiently and expectantly for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. 2 He drew me up out of a horrible pit [a pit of tumult and of destruction], out of the miry clay (froth and slime), and set my feet upon a rock, steadying my steps and establishing my goings. 3 And He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many shall see and fear (revere and worship) and put their trust and confident reliance in the Lord. 4 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who makes the Lord his refuge and trust, and turns not to the proud or to followers of false gods. 5 Many, O Lord my God, are the wonderful works which You have done, and Your thoughts toward us; no one can compare with You! If I should declare and speak of them, they are too many to be numbered. 6 Sacrifice and offering You do not desire, nor have You delight in them; You have given me the capacity to hear and obey [Your law, a more valuable service than] burnt offerings and sin offerings [which] You do not require. 7 Then said I, Behold, I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me; 8 I delight to do Your will, O my God; yes, Your law is within my heart. 9 I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great assembly [tidings of uprightness and right standing with God]. Behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O Lord. 10 I have not concealed Your righteousness within my heart; I have proclaimed Your faithfulness and Your salvation. I have not hid away Your steadfast love and Your truth from the great assembly. 11 Withhold not Your tender mercy from me, O Lord; let Your loving-kindness and Your truth continually preserve me! 12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about; my iniquities have taken such hold on me that I am not able to look up. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart has failed me and forsaken me. 13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me! 14 Let them be put to shame and confounded together who seek and require my life to destroy it; let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor who wish me evil and delight in my hurt! 15 Let them be desolate by reason of their shame who say to me, Aha, aha! 16 Let all those that seek and require You rejoice and be glad in You; let such as love Your salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified! 17 [As for me] I am poor and needy, yet the Lord takes thought and plans for me. You are my Help and my Deliverer. O my God, do not tarry!

Psalm 39. Jeduthun was one of David's musicians, as was Asaph.

I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred. My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned (Psa 39:1-3): Have you ever had that experience where you are just seething inside? While you are thinking on it you just start burning. "While I was musing, while I was thinking on the thing, man, did I burn inside." And David said, and then I spoke (Psa 39:3), It is best not to speak when you are in that shape. But David spoke to the right person; he spoke to the Lord. He said, LORD, make me to know my end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am (Psa 39:4).

God, help me to realize that I'm not so macho as I think. Help me to know my days. God, help me to really number my days. You know, I don't have long. Life is short. If you live to be seventy, if you go on beyond that it's going to be with hardship. Lord, teach me to number my days. Help me to realize how frail I am.

Behold, you have made my days just as a handbreadth; and my age is as nothing before thee (Psa 39:5): I like that. Don't put any candles on my birthday cake. As far as God is concerned my age is as nothing. verily every man at his best state is altogether empty (Psa 39:5). Man, poor man, so ignorant in that which he knows best. What is your best field of knowledge? What is your particular field of study? What was your major? How much is there to be known in that field in which you major? How much do you know in relationship to all that is to be known in that particular field? I think that, of course, Bible was my major, and I know the Bible better than any other single subject. But I'll tell you, I am so ignorant in the Bible as far as all that there is to be known about this Word. Man, poor man, so ignorant in that which he knows best. "Man at his best is altogether empty." Surely every man walks in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heaps up riches, but he knows not who's going to spend them. And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee. Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish. I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because you did it (Psa 39:6-9). In other words, I didn't complain against the stroke that was upon me, because I knew that it was from you. Remove thy stroke from me: I am consumed by the blow of your hand. When you with rebukes correct man for iniquity, you make his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is empty. Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were. O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more (Psa 39:10-13).

**Psalm 40**

I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay, he set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings (Psa 40:1-2).

Now his last prayer was, "Lord, help me, save me from the strokes and so forth," and now, "I waited patiently for the Lord. He inclined unto me; He heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, and out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a rock and established my goings." Oh, when I look back and see the horrible pit that God took me out of, how thankful I am. I realize I was sinking, I was going down, but God put my feet upon a solid rock. He established my life in Christ.

He has put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and reverence, and shall trust in the LORD. Blessed is that man that makes the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies (Psa 40:3-4).

As we were driving home this afternoon, we were driving down Newport Boulevard and I saw in the rear view mirror, a sharp, sharp, sharp, sharp, little Ford, probably a 1929 vintage or something that was really fixed up with a full blown type of a caddy engine in the thing. And, of course, everything was all chrome and everything was all opened, and this guy was just sitting there, you know, just... It was just perfection, you know. Everything was just so sparkling and shining and everything else, and he was driving down Newport Boulevard. And I saw him in the rear view mirror as he was coming past us on Kay's side, and I said, "Hey, Kay, take a look over to the right and see that fellow driving his god down the street." And you could tell by the way, that it was. And she looked over and then she looked back real quickly, she said, "I don't want to give him the satisfaction of staring at it." She said, "Because that's what he wants." And then she said, and she quoted this scripture, "Blessed is the man that respects not the proud." And she said, "He is proud of that thing and I don't want to respect him." And, "Nor such as turn aside to lies."

Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts towards us: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered (Psa 40:5).

You can't even number the thoughts that God has concerning you.

Sacrifice and offerings you did not desire; my ears hast thou opened (Psa 40:6):

Now, God doesn't really desire that you give to Him sacrifices and offerings as much as He desires that you submit to Him your life.

And this phrase, "My ear hath He opened." When a servant had served a six-year term, according to the law he had to be released. You could not keep a servant more than six years. The seventh year was the year of release and all of the servants were released from their bondage or from their servitude in the seventh year. Except if a servant would come to you and say, "I enjoy serving you. I am happy here. I don't want to go out free. I want to remain your servant." Then you would take an awl, and you would go over to the door post of your house and you would put his earlobe up against the doorpost, and you take this awl and pin him with the awl through the earlobe to the doorpost of your house. You just drive the pin through and just pin him there to the doorpost. Actually, it was just an ear-piercing process. And then they would put a gold ring in the hole that was made. So that if you saw a servant or a slave with a gold ring in his ear, you knew that he was a servant by choice. He was a servant willingly. He had offered himself. He had said, "I don't want to be set free. I want to be your servant for life."

Now God is saying, "Look, I really don't want sacrifice or offering. The ear, I want to open it. I want you to submit unto a life of service. I want your life." And so I am a servant by choice. Lord, I love serving You. Lord, I don't want to do anything else but serve You. There is no other life for me, Lord, than a life of service unto You. And so mine ear hath He pierced. I am a servant by choice.

burnt offerings, sin offerings you did not require (Psa 40:6).

Now a prophecy relating to Jesus. And, of course, this is all prophecy relating to Jesus. Mine ear hath He pierced. He was in the form of God, thought it not robbery or something to be grasped to be equal with God. But He humbled Himself and came in the likeness of man and as a servant. Humbled Himself, became as a servant. A servant willingly. "Mine ear hath He pierced."

Then said I (Psa 40:7),

and quoted of Jesus in the New Testament in the book of Hebrews, Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me (Psa 40:7),

So, the volume of this book, the volume of the Old Testament is actually written concerning Jesus Christ. Jesus said to the Pharisees, "You do search the scriptures because in them you think you have life, but they actually testify of Me, but you will not come to Me that you might have life" (John 5:39-40). "I have come, as it is written of Me in the volume of the book, to do Thy will, O Lord" (Hebrews 10:7).

And I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart (Psa 40:8).

And that is what it means. When God has written His law in your heart, is that it becomes the delight and the pleasure of your life. Doing the will of God is not some horrible awful thing to me. It is not some cross that I have to bear or carry. Doing the will of God is the most exciting, delightful experience of my life. In fact, I really don't desire anything else. It is so glorious just doing God's will. For

He has written His will in the fleshly tablets of my heart. That is, He has created the desires in my heart so that I delight doing His will. It's the delight of my life.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation. Withhold not thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me. For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart fails me. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me. Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil. Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha (Psa 40:9-15).

There you have it again. Those dirty words that they were saying to David, whatever they might have meant.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified (Psa 40:16).

Now this is a phrase, I don't know why it hasn't been taken up by the people of God, but surely it is a phrase that we ought to be using all of the time. Along with the "Praise the Lord," or, "Bless God," or whatever, there is a phrase that we should be using and that is the phrase, "The Lord be magnified." "Let those that love thy salvation say continually." It should be a constant phrase on our lips. When we are greeting each other and all we should be saying, "Hey, the Lord be magnified." "Let them say continually, 'The Lord be magnified.'" Now try and add that phrase to your vocabulary and start using it.

I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinks about me (Psa 40:17):

That is great.

thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God (Psa 40:17).

Verse 13 he says, "Help, make haste to help me." And now he says, "Don't tarry, Lord. Deliver me, make no tarry."

Now we are going to leave it at that. Next week we will take the next ten chapters from 41-50. We will go ten chapters a week for a while, as we have gotten into some of the longer psalms. And then when we get to 121 we'll take twenty chapters, because they are shorties. Or twenty psalms, they are really not chapters. They are... each one is a psalm, complete within themselves.

Shall we stand.

Now may the Lord be with you to watch over you and to keep you in all your ways. May your steps be directed of the Lord this week. That He might delight in the path that you take. And I pray that there are some of you that will come and say, "Lord, I want to serve You. I love You. I am satisfied. I don't want any other life. Go ahead, Lord, pierce my ear, open my ear. I am willing to take the mark of a bondsman of Jesus Christ." And may you know the joy and the delight and the blessing of serving the Lord. If some of you have come tonight and you haven't given your lives to Jesus Christ and you would like to do so, if you will go back into the prayer room, the pastors will be glad to pray with you back there and lead you to a real commitment of your life unto the Lord. Really living in this world today with all of its turmoil, with all of its problems, I don't know how a person can exist without a firm relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. I wouldn't want to try and even go on tomorrow without the strength and the guidance and the help of the Lord. And so I would encourage you to just open up your heart and life to Him. For He wants to help you, and to lead you into His path of righteousness. God be with you. Watch over, keep, bless, and use you as His servant this week. In Jesus' name.

(Through The Bible c 2000 Series; Chuck Smith; Bible commentaries,1979-1986)

**19. Burning Hearts "Answers For Today" Chuck Smith**

It was the first day of the week, the first day that people could travel home after the Sabbath holidays. Under Jewish law, two-thirds of a mile was the limit for Sabbath Day journeys and Emmaus was six miles from Jerusalem. Two men who were disciples of Jesus started off on the road to Emmaus, mourning over the tragic events that had transpired this particular Sabbath. They had just experienced the most bitter disappointment of their entire lives.

They had been disciples of Jesus for some time and life had been exciting and the future looked bright. How their hearts thrilled every time He touched a sick person and that person was healed. How their hearts thrilled every time one would cry out "I can see! I can see!" and they realized that He had opened blind eyes. They had seen Him raise the dead back to life. The joy and thrill of seeing the power of God demonstrated became overwhelming as they walked with Him, as they listened to Him and saw the works that He was doing. To these disciples came a growing conviction that indeed He was more than just a man.

They came to realize that He was the Son of God; that He was God's Messiah and that He was to be the Saviour of the world. They realized that He came to bring man to God, to salvation and to life. As this hope grew, their hearts were burning with the anticipation of that day when He would exalt His position and His throne and He would begin to rule and reign on the earth.

This last week saw their anticipation and their dreams crumbling in ruins. Rather than seeing Him crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords, they saw Him mockingly proclaimed King of the Jews with a crown of thorns crushed onto His head and His body hanging on the cross. Even then, they probably harbored the hope, deep in their hearts, that He would perform a dramatic, last-minute miracle and demonstrate His power before these people by coming down off the cross and showing that He had triumphed; that He could triumph over even these adverse circumstances.

There was no last-minute miracle, however. They watched in despair as the crowd mocked and jeered Him as He hung there. They watched until finally His body went limp and His head fell forward, His chin resting on his chest. He was dead. With His death something died inside of them. All dreams were shattered and all hope swept away as they saw that limp body taken down from the cross, placed in the tomb and locked in as the stone rolled over the entrance. It was finished, they thought. He could not be crowned King now.

The two disciples trudged along the road to Emmaus, talking of these things and trying to sort out the tragedy in their minds. They tried to make some sense of these events as their hearts were overcome with sadness and disappointment. Jesus joined them on this journey, but they were so overwhelmed with despair that they failed to recognize Him.

When He asked them what they were discussing that caused them so much grief, they responded in amazement, "How could you be unaware of the things which have happened in Jerusalem the past few days?" As though He didn't know, He said, "What things?" They told of what had happened to Jesus, saying He was mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people (Luke 24:18-19).

They still believed He was a prophet of God. They could not deny the miracles they had observed firsthand, but no longer did they believe that He was the Messiah, the Saviour. He was dead. They expressed their sorrow, declaring: "We hoped that in Him was the redemption of Israel" But the fire had gone out with His death and now their hope was dead and their hearts were filled with despair. Even the reports from the women concerning the empty tomb failed to rekindle their belief and their hope.

Jesus said, "Oh foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all the prophets have spoken!" Beginning with Moses, He explained, from the scriptures, everything concerning Him; how the Messiah would have to suffer and die and rise again and finally enter into His glory.

**The Cure for Unbelief**

In these two disciples on the road to Emmaus, we see the tragic consequence of unbelief. Unbelief is a blinding thing. Unbelief can keep you from seeing what is right in front of you. Unbelief kept them from recognizing Jesus Christ, even though He was right there with them. Unbelief can keep you from the joy God has for you. These two disciples should have been skipping back to Emmaus, whistling and singing and praising God for the victories. But unbelief had them walking back in tears and sadness.

Jesus joined these two because something vital and important had gone out of their lives. The fire of passion and love had gone out and He wanted to rekindle it. He wanted to fan the embers into flame and to fill their hearts once again with excitement and joy. He wanted them burning with love, hope and anticipation. So He taught them from the scriptures, starting with Moses and the prophets.

How exciting it would be to have a copy of that sermon! Jesus probably began in Genesis when man disobeyed the command of God and ate the forbidden fruit, then tried to cover his awareness of his guilt by sewing fig leaves to cover himself, but God provided for the skins of animals for his covering. God was showing even then that sin cannot be put away by man's works, but only by a blood sacrifice.

He no doubt reminded them about how Abraham promised his son Isaac, believing that God would provide Himself a sacrifice. Then He probably called to their attention that the crucifixion took place on Mt. Moriah, the same mountain where Abraham declared this prophecy.

He then may have reminded them of the reason for the celebration of the Passover that they had just been through, as he recalled the time when the children of Israel were in Egypt and were commanded to kill a lamb and put the blood on the doorpost so that the life of the firstborn might be saved. Even then God was drawing a picture in their minds and hearts that would be fully comprehended when He sent His Lamb to die; so that through the shed blood, those who believe in Him might have everlasting life.

Then He probably noted the various sacrifices under the Mosaic Law by which a man comes from a sinful state into fellowship with God, and showed how those sacrifices were all pointing to Jesus Christ, the one perfect sacrifice that would put away sins once and for all, making fellowship with God possible for all men, for all time.

Jesus must have pointed out the prophecies in Isaiah concerning the child that was to be born of the virgin - how the government would be upon His shoulders, and His name would be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace - but this Prince of Peace would first be despised and rejected by men. He would be wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, and the iniquities of the world would be borne by Him and He would be numbered with the transgressors in His death.

Jesus probably reminded them of the cry in Psalm 22, "My God, My God why hast thou forsaken Me," and then took them through that Psalm, pointing out the prophecy of the pierced hands and feet, the dividing of the garments among the soldiers, and the casting of lots for the vesture.

He probably pointed to Daniel's prophecy of the coming Messiah 483 years from the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, but that Daniel predicted by the Spirit that the Messiah would be cut off and receive nothing for Himself at that time.

In many other books such as Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, indeed throughout the scriptures, I am sure He showed them all the things they had failed to see. In Zechariah he must have shown them the passage, "Smite the Shepherd," and "They shall look on Him whom they have pierced," and pointed out how He had to suffer all of these things. God had declared it, but God declared also in Malachi that He was the Son of Righteousness which should rise with healing in His wings.

As they walked along, the words of Jesus were so exciting that the time passed rapidly. When they reached Emmaus it was getting dark and they invited Jesus in. As He took the bread and blessed it and as He broke the bread, their eyes were suddenly opened and they recognized Jesus. Perhaps they saw His pierced hands. With this recognition, He vanished, as His mission was accomplished. They exclaimed to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked with us on the way?" Their hearts were burning once again with that passion, with that love, with that desire to give all to Jesus Christ and to live completely for Him.

Burning hearts! I believe that is the supreme need of the Church today. The Church has become a marvelous organization. Today we have better programs than the Church has ever had in its history, but what lacks in much of the Church are hearts burning with a passionate love for Jesus Christ. The Word of God created that flame, that burning in the hearts of those disciples. Jesus took the scriptures and opened up the truth to them and the Word of God set hearts on fire for the Lord.

#### Blessed Heartburn

Many of you today have broken hearts. You can't understand the circumstances of your life. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, you are confused. Your eyes are focused on those tragedies that beset you. It seems that everything is going to pieces around you and all you can see are your problems, your disappointments, your shattered dreams. Your heart has grown cold as you have begun to doubt the love of God. God is desiring to work in your heart and life today. He wants to work in you His eternal plan of love and grace. He wants to rekindle a fire in your heart, a blessed heartburn! Walking with Jesus Christ will give you a burning heart. Listening to the Word of God will give you a burning heart.

Jesus exhorted the men on the road to Emmaus about their hearts of unbelief. Unbelief is a choice as belief is a choice. You can choose to believe in Jesus or you can choose not to believe. You can pick out evidence in either direction. It is a choice. If you will choose to believe in Him today, all of the proof you ever need will be given to you and your heart will begin to burn with God's love. Listen to the Word of God and your heart will burn with passion!

One of the beautiful hymns of the church sums up the concept of the burning heart very well:

"Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,

One holy passion filling all my frame;

The baptism of the Heav'n descended dove,

My heart an altar and Thy love the flame."

(From the song, Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart by Gorge Croly and Dredrick C. Atkinson).

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