

My Loved Ones:

Psalm 40:13 says, "Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; / O LORD, make haste to help me!"

This verse and the verses for the rest of this Psalm 40 are found in Psalm 70 in its entirety.

The Lord Jesus is a theme in this psalm, and He prayed something similar in the Garden of Gethsemane: "If it be possible, let this cup pass from Me, nevertheless, not My will, but They will be done."

Do we respond like this to our trials? The Lord Jesus faced his trials this way, and so did David. The key to the trial is a great God Whom we can trust to take care of us during the trial. Will you trust Him through it all? How about praying this prayer in this verse today concerning your difficulties. Ask for God to be please to deliver you. Ask for God to hurry and do it. But always be willing to trust the Lord's timing and the Lord's manner of deliverance.

A wise old evangelist once said, "Don't ask God to remove your burden; ask him for strong shoulders to carry the heavy burden." Perhaps the Lord's way of delivering you from the trial would be in giving you strong shoulders to carry the burden. We don't like that very much, though, do we? We like God to relieve our trials. May we pray and expect God to answer us, but may we trust Him and wait on the way in which He will deliver us.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.