

My Loved Ones:

Psalms 40:9 says, "I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness / In the great assembly; / Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, / O LORD, You Yourself know."

The "good news" here is the Old Testament way of saying the New Testament word "gospel" or "announcing / preaching / proclaiming the gospel." The gospel is the good news to which we need to respond.

And this good news contains "righteousness." This righteousness is God's righteousness as in Romans 1:16, 17: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it [the gospel] is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe... For in it [the gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it's written: 'the just shall live by faith.'" This good news contains God's righteousness. It's a righteousness that God credits to our accounts since we lack it, if we have faith in Jesus Christ.

Also notice that David is speaking to those around him. When we feel the impact of God and His attributes, we can't keep it in; we want to tell others what God has done. If God has changed your life, speak up for Him. Maybe we should say, "**Since** God has changed your life, speak up for Him." We recommend bargains from stores to others, and we brag on good doctors to others and recommend them. Should we not speak up for God after all He's done for us?

David is speaking about God's righteousness during his perilous time of being with Achish in Gath. David was not far from death. We weren't far from death when Jesus came into our lives and saved us. We should tell others this "good news" of the gospel.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.