

Haven't Got A Prayer

Part 4-Down & Out

Introduction

What does a life of opportunity in Christ & expression to Him look like?

Good things-success = _____

Bad things-affliction = _____

Psalm 41

Blessed is the one who considers the poor

-this statement frames the whole Psalm

1-3 God's approach to poor/afflicted

4 healing because of grace (sin was there)

5-9 How others react

5-"die already"

6- checking in but not supportive

7- not hope, assume the worst

8- more assumptions-God punish

9-betrayal by even close friends

10-13 Gracious. Grace to rise

12-integrity – wholeness- all to God

13 Benediction of Book

Application

We make assumptions about people doing well vs. not doing well

-society & gov't structures often built on these assumptions

Jesus quoted this Psalm because it described Him

Isaiah 53: 3, 8-9

something must be wrong w/Him

God must be mad

We tend to relate to people who are struggling (down & out) like this.

We may view our own struggles this way

v. 41 integrity – wholeness

integer –whole number, no fraction

integral – essential to completion

Love the Lord with Everything-whole being. V. 41 –

reward: His presence

(not absence of suffering)

Do we tend to despise & look down on people in poor circumstances?

replace grace with judgement?

When we are down, do we turn to God or turn

_____ & _____?