

**SELECTED PSALMS PHASE 1**  
**PSALM 40 Part A**  
**Answers for Review Questions**

1. **Answer:**  
 We do not have any method to determine the actual occasion as to what led David to write Psalm 40. David composed the psalm based on some adverse situation, that he experienced; exactly what or when it is not possible to be specific. Pages 4-5
  
2. **Answer:**  
 (a) False.  
 (b) The most widely accepted application is that Psalm 40 refers to both Jesus Christ and David.  
 For more information, see Pages 6.
  
3. **Answer:**  
 (a) Power (b) weakest (c) grace (d) unworthy (e) people (f) trust (g) expectations  
 (h)assurance (i) patience. Page 8
  
4. **Answer:**  
 Item (b) . . . much less escape His lips. Page 9
  
5. **Answer:**  
 (a) “. . . **He inclined to me . . .**”: That is, “Eventually, He heard and answered me’ or “he turned Himself favorably towards me as the result of preserving prayer.”  
 (b) Applying this to David, it can be stated that God “**bent down**” to him in his affliction, removed any distance between the LORD and His servant.  
 For more information, see Pages 9-10.
  
6. **Answer:**  
 Our Lord Jesus Christ, **offered up** the **prayers, supplications, cries,** and **tears** of an obedient death. He was heard and His sacrifice accepted because of His **reverent obedient (godly fear)**. He likewise, cried to the Father, indeed, He did!! (Psa. 22:1-2; 40:1; etc.) and was saved **from death** through the resurrection (see Heb. 5:7).  
 For more information, see Page 10.
  
7. **Answer:**  
 (a) “**pit**”: It may refer to any calamity – or trouble, like being in a pit – or it may refer grave.  
 (b) “**horrible**”: The word appears to be used in the sense of “**desolation,**” as applicable to the grave. Etc.  
 For more information, see Pages 10-11.

8. **Answer:**

- (a) **Miry:** The Hebrew speaks of: mud, mire (swampy) or boggy ground . . . and refers to a “little stretch of swampy ground.”
- (b) Three references symbolic of death (the grave . . . the pit, etc.) are Psa. 28:1; 30:3; Prov. 1:12 (also noted in our lesson: Isa. 38:18; Ezek. 26:20).
- (c) Three examples in David’s life where his experience is associated with “**pit**” as used in Psa. 40:2 are:
  - (1) Sauls jealous pursuit (2 Sam. 18:5-9; 19:1-11).
  - (2) Absalom’s rebellion (2 Sam chapters 15-19).
  - (3) Some other attacks by his enemies (2 Sam 5:17-25; 1 Chron. 18).
 For more information, see Pages 11-12.

9. **Answer:**

It refers to that time when, His sorrows ended, and His work of atonement was done, it became certain that He would never be exposed again to such dangers, or sink into such dept of woes, but that His course ever onward would be one of safety and glory.  
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10. **Answer:**

- (a) Magnified (b) victorious (c) subdued (d) glorified (e) destroyed (f) established (g)overthrown (h) resplendent (i) drinketh (j) heavenly.

11. **Answer:**

Multitudes will become acquainted with the occasion for which the song became necessary and this awareness will become a powerful and irrevocable testimony. Etc.  
For more information, see Page 15.

12. **Answer:**

The idea being discussed here (Psa. 40:4a) is, when we put our **trust in God**, leaning, depending on Him, as a result we will thoroughly see or perceive the blessings of trusting in God. We will experience so much happiness that we will seek no other way to obtain these blessings.  
For more information, see Pages 16.

13. **Answer:**

- (a) Such person does not look to the proud, knowing that their salvation comes from God. . . . **“and does not respect the proud.”**
- (b) Those trusting in God does not depart from the straight part and incline to that which is false and deceitful. The reference is to those who are easily made to swerve from that which is true and honest to that which is delusive and false.  
For more information, see Pages 16-17.

14. **Answer:**

***“Wonderful works”*** (Psa. 40:5a), as used here means: remarkable interventions; things fitted to excite your astonishment; things that surpass what man could have anticipated; things that could have been done only by God.

Etc.

For more information, see Pages 17-18.

15. **Answer:**

In essence reference is being made to the wonderful works of God and to His thoughts of mercy and goodness as being beyond the power of computation, or too numerous to be brought into order and arrangement before the mind.

For more information, see Pages 18-20.