



Consider the Weak
41st in the “Psalms” Series
Psalm 41
September 14, 2025
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Introduction

In this passage, David praises God for delivering him from a season in his life when he was weak and persecuted.

Structure:

- Blessing to Those Who Consider the Weak (vv. 1-3)
- Testimony of God’s Mercy in David’s Weakness (vv. 4-10)
- Vindication to David as God’s King (vv. 11-12)
- Benediction to the First Book of Psalms (Psalms 1-41) (v. 13)

Notes:

Weakness is a reality of life, and something that God blesses and meets us in, but also something the church responds to!

Psalms 41 is about Jesus Christ, and his betrayal by Judas Iscariot (verse 9; John 13:18-30)!

“Although David speaks of himself in this psalm, yet he speaks not as a common and private person, but as one who represented the person of Christ ... It was necessary that what was begun in David should be fully accomplished in Christ.” -John Calvin.

Response: Church, may we follow our King, who *“though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich”* (2 Cor. 8:9).

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

- 1) Which line or phrase of Psalm 41 stands out to you the most and why?
- 2) What does it look like for the church today to “have regard for the weak?” In what ways have the political and polemical debates of our age challenged or distracted the church’s mission to follow God’s blessing of Psalm 41 (vv. 1-3)?
- 3) Is it easy or hard for you to talk about your personal trials and moments of weakness, persecution, or sickness? Why do you think that is? (vv. 4-9)
- 4) Knowing that Jesus sees this psalm as a fulfillment of his own ministry (and specifically the betrayal he will experience from Judas), re-read Psalm 41 and observe moments in the text that point or wink at the Gospel story.
- 5) Speak of a time (and celebrate) when the Lord had mercy on you and kept you in his presence (vv. 11-12).
- 6) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week’s text: 2 Cor. 8 (Mon); 2 Cor. 9 (Tues); 2 Cor. 10 (Wed); 2 Cor. 11 (Thurs); 2 Cor. 12 (Fri).