

**Review from Sunday's Message for Personal Meditation and Application:**

- i. **Psalms 36 & 40: Message points for meditation:**
- a. **Ps. 36:1-4    The depravity of human nature.**  
Rebellion speaks to the heart. Evil is not rejected.  
No fear of God results in perverse words and activity.
  - Ps. 36:5-7    The perfections of God's nature.**  
Infinite love & faithfulness.  
Measureless righteousness, justice & compassion.
  - Ps. 36:7-12    The security and satisfaction of those who take refuge in Him.**  
An abundant feast and a river of delights.  
A fountain of life and light. Safety from judgment.
  - b. **Ps. 40:1-10    The rescued one (1) praises God and (2) proclaims God.**  
The vertical praise to God goes horizontal in proclaiming  
God's goodness before man.
  - Ps. 40:11-17    The rescued one (3) prays to God.**  
The rescued one is still poor and needy. His response to  
God's past goodness is to return for more-and-more.
  - c. Grace ends all self-centered boasting. Grace doesn't result in passivity, but in  
praise, proclamation and prayer (or devotion, declaration and dependency).

**Questions for Reflection, Application and Fellowship:**

- i.    "*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so...*"  
      "*I'm a sinner! This I know, for the Bible tells me so...*"
- a. Would you understand your sin and sinfulness apart from the Bible?
  - b. Would you understand God's glory apart from the Bible?
  - c. How does this influence your response to God for His revelation and His rescue?
- ii.   "*Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.*"

In *Psalms 40* we see that the rescued one who is set upon the rock and given a new song to sing (v.1-10) is one who is still poor and needy and dependent upon God for forgiveness, grace and mercy (v.11-17).

- a. Will God forever supply? Will we ever develop beyond child-like dependency?
- b. How does the infiniteness of God's attributes (*Ps. 36:5-6*) influence you emotionally?