

POOR FOR OUR SAKES

Psalm 41:1-13 // October 4, 2026 AM

Yahweh stoops to save those who stoop to save the poor and weak in His name.

I. God's lowly king *preaches to himself* (vv. 1-3).

II. God's lowly king *prays for help* (vv. 4-10).

III. God's lowly king *praises in hope* (vv. 11-13).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is pity? How did Friedrich Nietzsche view it, and how does the Bible view it?
2. What psalm does Psalm 41 harken back to when it opens with a pronouncement of blessing? How does this help us understand Psalm 41?
3. What does it mean to consider the poor? What might it look like for our family to consider the poor?
4. What was happening to David when he wrote this psalm that would make the truths of vv. 1-3 a particular comfort to him?
5. Does being blessed mean that we never face days of trouble and seasons of hardship? Why, or why not?
6. How does this psalm find its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus? Why is that important to see if we are to rightly apply it to ourselves?
7. What does it mean to bless God? Why would David end this psalm and book one of the psalter here?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What are some examples of pity being discarded in our culture?
2. Have I experienced God's gospel pity in my spiritual poverty? How ought that to change the way I relate to the poor, weak, and vulnerable?
3. Have I considered as a Christian that behind God's frowning providences He hides a smiling face? Why is this always the case for God's people?