

God Gives a New Song

Scripture Reading — Psalm 40

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. — Psalm 40:3

Music has a powerful influence on our lives. Many of us have favorite musical groups and can recite lyrics from memory. Older believers can recite the words of songs they learned as young children, even in a different language. Rhythm and rhyme can leave powerful impressions on our minds.

The creation that once resonated with the sound of God's glory is now out of tune as we find ourselves in the mud and mire of life. We can all recite our litany of troubles, and if we're honest, we know the powerful impressions that sin has left on our minds.

But this is not the end of humanity's song. The psalmist has heard another melody that drowns out the off-key notes of sin and brokenness. God has provided redemption from sin. The Lord has given his people a firm place to stand. He rewards those who trust in him. God is pleased to help those who turn to him.

This is a song of grace. And today we hear the same song that God gives to all who come to him in Jesus Christ to look for salvation and deliverance from sin: "He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand." May this new song also impress its words on our minds: Jesus has saved me! Can you sing this salvation song?

Prayer

Father, thank you for the words and music that express your greatest gift—the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Put the song of salvation in our mouths as well. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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