

THE BLESSING OF COMPASSION (PSALM 41)

- I. The LORD's view of the compassionate
 - A. Repay the mercy that was shown to you (Psalm 41:1; Matthew 5:7; James 2:1-7)
 - B. Manifestations of the LORD's mercy (Psalm 41:1b-4; 1 John 1:8-10)
- II. Mistreated by enemies (contrasted with the mercy of God)
 - A. Full of hatred and hypocrisy, unwilling to forgive (Psalm 41:5-8; 2 Samuel 16:5-8)
 - B. A betrayal of even the closest friends (Psalm 41:9; 2 Samuel 15:1-13; John 13:18)
- III. Men can be fickle, but God is faithful
 - A. God's justice will be served (Psalm 41:10-11; Romans 13:1-4)
 - B. Integrity based on repentance (Psalm 41:12; 1 John 1:7)
 - C. Praise the One who shows compassion on His creation (Psalm 41:13)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

BY GUY N. WOODS

"In what sense was Paul 'alive without the law' as referred to in Romans 7:9? What is the commandment of which mention is made in verses 8-12 of Romans 7?"

The context in which these verses appear must be carefully considered in order properly to understand the apostle's teaching here. Under discussion is the law of Moses. It had just been shown that this law was no longer in force (7:6). The Jews, formerly answerable to it, were released from its restrictions. Was the law sinful and removed for this reason? By no means (7:7). Were it not for the law there would not have been any knowledge of sin; the Jews would not have known, for example, that lust is sinful, because it was the law which said, "Thou shalt not covet." Where there is no law, there is no transgression (4:15). It is the function of the law to provide a knowledge of sin, i.e., to create in people the realization of what sin is. When the law condemns an act this enables men to know that the act is sinful. It follows therefore that since the law condemns sin, it is not sinful. But it is said that the law leads to death. How?

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FALSE TEACHERS' MOUTHS MUST BE STOPPED!

BY JASON T. CARTER

Jesus warned, "Take heed what you hear" (Mark 4:24). Paul advised that "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:3). One does not need to spend much time scrolling through social media to see the wisdom in Jesus' words and the truth of Paul's writing. When you encounter a false teacher on social media, the best course of action is to block their account so their poisonous error does not infect you or waste your time.

One example that I came across this past week stated, "No one has ever been separated from God." These words were typed by a so-called pastor. His lack of understanding of the Scriptures does not bode well for those who listen to him if they are truly seeking God, for he directly contradicts what has been written in Isaiah 59:2, where the inspired prophet of the LORD declares, "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear."

In the same social media post, this false teacher wrote, "Is there an afterlife? No one knows." I'm not sure what type of Bible this man uses, but it is not the same Bible I have read. There are numerous passages that definitively proclaim the truth of an afterlife in both the Old and New Testaments. Consider Job 19:25-27; Daniel 12:2; Psalm 49:15; Matthew 19:29; John 3:16; 1 Timothy 1:16; 2 Timothy 4:8; and so many others!

What will that afterlife look like? That depends on how one lives this life in response to the Lord's grace. Those who serve Him and show grace to others, helping those in need while teaching the truth of God's Word, will be among the righteous who receive eternal life. Those who are self-seeking, sin-serving, and truth-hating, however, are doomed for everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46).

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). "For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life" (Galatians 6:8).

What are you sowing? What shall you reap?

Privileged to Serve	8/9/2026	8/16/2026
Announcements	Robin Hinote	Roger Bell
Song Leader	Thomas Phillips	David Nance
Scripture	David Nance	Wesley McCall
Opening Prayer	Wayne McKay	Craig Joslen
Speaker	Jason Carter	Bruce Godwin
The Lord's Table	Paul Ashcraft Ashton McCall Kenny McCall Wesley McCall	Roger Bell Seth Marks Wayne McKay Jim Solchenberger
Closing Prayer	Seth Marks	Ashton McCall
Audio/Visual	Wesley McCall	Wesley McCall
Communion Prep	R/S Bell	R/S Bell
WEDNESDAY	8/12/2026	<u>ADULT CLASSES</u>
Devotional	Seth Marks	Wednesday 8/12: Avoiding Digital Idolatry
Invitation Song	Robin Hinote	
Closing Prayer	Kenny McCall	Sunday 8/16: Prayer

**God is Spirit, and those who
worship Him must worship
in spirit and truth.**

John 4:24

ORDER OF WORSHIP

He's My King (166)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
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Scripture Reading: Psalm 41

Prayer

Jesus Hold My Hand (412)

Sermon

Hide Me, O My Savior (841)

Oh, the Depth and the Riches
(375)

Lord's Supper & Offering

Each Step I Take (415)

Closing Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/19 Singing Night
8/22 Ice Cream Social (McCalls)
8/27 Ronald McDonald House
8/30 Breakfast

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8/11 Royce Mosley (B)
8/13 Diana Bell (B)
8/15 Kay Wright (B)
8/17 Ed Bell (B)
8/17 Helen Mosley (B)
8/22 Geri Hartsfield (B)
8/23 Karen Nance (B)

*Blessed be Yahweh,
the God of Israel,
From the age that is past,
even unto the age yet to come.
Amen and Amen!
Psalm 41:13*

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

- Paul Ashcraft has received his license to practice in Florida! He thanks the congregation for the love and prayers throughout this process.
- Kay Wright underwent a successful heart catheterization on Wednesday. No additional intervention is needed; medications will be adjusted.
- Shevie McDaniel (Penny's friend) – recovering from heart surgery.
- Marci Keckhaver (Kay's friend) – met with surgeon about a tumor on her lung.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS & UPDATES

Three updated pages are available for you on the table near the bulletin board. A new directory page has been printed for Paul and Samantha Ashcraft, who placed membership several weeks ago. An updated page has been printed for Ashton McCall, who has a new address. Finally, an updated list of birthdays and anniversaries is available. Please pick up these updates for your directory today.

LADIES' GET TOGETHERS

Several have expressed an interest in a monthly ladies' get together. The dates have been set as the first Thursday evening of each month. If you would like to host a get together in your home or teach during these times of fellowship, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (CONTINUED FROM BACK)

It is a characteristic of sinful flesh to rebel against law; the existence of law prompts the wicked to rebellion. This stubborn and wilful disposition leads to spiritual death. But, it may be asked, Does that which is good produce death? The apostle answers: "No. It is sin that produces death. The law merely shows what is sinful." The law should not be blamed since it only makes "sin exceedingly sinful" (7:13) by revealing its nature and showing its consequences. The Law was helpless to justify; therefore, it was removed so that a 'better covenant,' one established on 'better promises,' might take its place. The law accomplished its purpose in pointing men to Christ (Galatians 3:23-29), but it was removed in order that a new and better way might take its place (Hebrews 8:1-13). "The commandment" was the law of Moses; synecdoche for all the commandments it contains.