

THE STORY OF THE REDEEMED

TEXT: Psalm 40:1-3

I. SINKING IN MIRY CLAY (.2)

The Psalmist David begins this story with a graphic description of his _____ and subsequent _____.

II. STANDING ON THE ROCK OF AGES (.2)

The _____ extended by the Lord is completed by the setting of their feet on the rock, when they have found firm _____.

III. SINGING TO GOD OF SALVATION (.3)

The deliverance experienced brings about _____. *"Somehow, about 40% of churchgoers seem to have picked up the idea that 'singing in the church is for singers.' The truth is that 'singing is for believers.' The relevant question is not, 'Do you have a voice?' but 'Do you have a song?'"*

IV. SHINING LIKE STARS (.3)

This dramatic rescue from the pit not only results with a firm place to stand, a song of praise, but also a _____ (cf. *Phil. 2:14-16*).

The story of the redeemed - there is nothing like the experience of one who was first in the pit, then on his knees crying out for help, then placed firmly on the rock. This is one who can shine and speak for God. The story of the redeemed offers to all the word of life, that is to say, the word which gives life, and brings life.