

FROM DUTY TO PLEASURE

Psalm 40:6-10

Central Idea: It's important to obey God's Word joyfully from the heart. Do you find joy in obedience to God's Word?

Introduction:

Waiting for God changed David from the inside out. He no longer obeyed God's laws under compulsion but joyfully from his heart. Worship should always result in a fresh surrender to the Lord. This is the natural response of thankfulness—devotion results in dedication. In these verses, David expresses his motivational responses to God.

Here we have in Christ for our instruction and in David also (His type) for our example.

- VI. A Firm Purpose of Obedience v. 6
 - 3. Open ears
 - 4. Yielding heart

- VII. A Ready Performance v. 7
 - 3. "Then I said"
 - 4. "I have come"

- VIII. A Careful Observance of the Word v.7

- IX. A Sincere Delight in God's Will v. 8
 - 4. The fact of salvation
 - 5. The plan of salvation
 - 6. The provision of salvation

- X. A Public Profession and Communication vv. 9-10
 - We must reveal His whole message

Conclusion:

A fresh commitment to the Lord should always result in time spent contemplating God's blessings. This is David's confession. He boldly declares before men the truths of God's majesty and mercy. You cannot be led in God's personal will for your life if you neglect His revealed will in Scripture. Let yourself be moved by what He did for you until your duty becomes a joy.