

"FROM THE HORRID PIT"**Introduction**

1. David here speaks of an experience
2. It is an experience many of us had
3. We give it a name: Salvation

1. THE FEARFUL CONDITION OF UNCONVERTED PEOPLE

- 1) v.2: a picture: "horrible pit, miry clay".
- 2) God here describes the state of the lost:
 - (i) "horrible: life without God / hope / love / purity / help / God's Spirit / God's Son
APPLICATION: Beyond words "horrible"
 - (ii) "pit": caught / cannot get out / deep + dark / down in the depths / a little hell before the big hell
 - (iii) "miry clay": easy to slide + fall / so hard to keep your balance / dirt + filth everywhere / getting steadily dirtier
APPLICATION: this is God's description of life without Christ. What a picture!!

2. THE WONDERFUL NEW STATE OF A BELIEVER

- 1) v.2: "he brought me up", i.e. God
OBSERVE: A saved man wants to say so. He always looks at life like this: before / after
- 2) To be saved by God is to be lifted:
 - (i) out of the pit and slime: **ILLUSTRATION**: my experience
 - (ii) feet on a rock: Christ's great work: v.6-8
 - (iii) travelling in a safe route: v.2
 - (iv) a new song: v.3
 - (v) the effect on others: friends, family, ...
 - (vi) a life of faith: v.4
 - (vii) no more fear of man: v.4

- 3) Look at the immense difference:
 - (i) a state of sin: slavery / filth / pit...
 - (ii) a state of grace: blessing / joy / peace...**APPLICATION**: It is not madness to choose to live in a pit, when you could be free?

3. WHAT A SINNER MUST DO TO BE SAVED

- 1) What are you to do to get out?
- 2) It is clear you must attend to this:
 - (i) recognise the mess you are in
 - (ii) cry to God for deliverance: v.1
 - (iii) go on praying: v.1
ILLUSTRATION: Bartimaeus
- 3) Trust in the Lord:
 - (i) the love and grace of the gospel
 - (ii) the finished work of Christ
 - (iii) the hope of being delivered
- 4) But you must seek God with all your heart + cry to Him with all your might:
ILLUSTRATION: Pastor Chiniquy

CONCLUSION

1. Do you know your problem?
2. Do you know God can lift you?
3. Are you crying out to God?

PSALM**107: 1 – 8****107: 10 – 15****40: 1 – 4**