

Auld Lang Psalm

INTRO: *The Psalms were Israel's inspired hymnal. We don't know the tunes to which they were sung, but like any worship song, the words are the most important feature. Psalm 40 was a Davidic composition suitable for a new year's reflection.*

I. Recount God's past _____ (1-5). *With vivid language, David recounted a past deliverance and vowed to testify of God's might. Do we consider how merciful our God has been to us?*

II. Rededicate _____ to God in the present (6-10). *David did not denigrate the sacrificial system; rather he recommitted himself to what God desires most, heartfelt obedience. New Year's is a great time to rededicate oneself in service to God.*

III. Anticipate God's future _____ and _____ (11-17). *David knew that future problems were a reality. He would expectantly wait for God's answer to his prayers. Whatever the cause of our troubles, God has promised to be **with us** and will **answer** our prayers because of the covenant we enjoy with Him in Christ Jesus.*