

#blameless19

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore we also,
since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us,
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
looking unto Jesus,
the author and finisher of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- **Since:**

- The word “**therefore**” calls us to make a summary of what came before in the Word (Hebrews 11) – great men and women of faith.
- **NOW** – we must put what we learned into action
- **Action:**
 - **Run our race** –
 - You are not asked to run someone else's race!
 - the race made especially for us
 - the race God has put us in the lead of
 - Family
 - Business
 - Neighborhood
 - Friends (sinners, publicans, enemies)
 - **Run with endurance:**
 - It is common to question whether you should be running a marathon – it happens about mile 5.
 - What in the world led me to doing this?
 - Over my head right now!
 - Wrong shoes
 - Wrong clothes
 - What kills most competitors –
 - **wrong attitude!**

- Previous failure
 - **You blame many things – but most of all you blame yourself!**

Failures in :

- Faith
- Family
- Finances
- Franchise

Psalm 40:1–17 (LEB)

1 I waited patiently for Yahweh,
And he inclined to me
and heard my cry for help.

2 And so he brought me up from the roaring pit, from the miry clay.
And he put my feet upon a rock;
he made my steps steady.

3 Then he put a new song in my mouth, **a praise to our God.**
Many will see and fear, and will trust Yahweh.

4 Blessed is the man who makes Yahweh his trust
and does not turn to the proud and to those who fall away to a lie.

5 Many things, **O Yahweh my God, you have done—
your wonderful deeds and your thoughts toward me.**

There is none to compare with you.

If I tried to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be too numerous to count.

6 A sacrifice and offering you do not desire.
My ears you have opened.

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not demanded.

7 Then I said, “Look, I come.

In the scroll of the book
it is written concerning me:

8 ‘I delight to do your will, O my God,
and your law is deep within me.’ ”

9 I have brought good tidings of righteousness in the great
congregation.

Look, I have not shut my lips.

O Yahweh, you surely know that.

10 Your righteousness I have not hidden in the midst of my heart.

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.
I have not concealed your loyal love or your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

11 As for you, O Yahweh, do not withhold your mercies from me.

**Let your loyal love and your faithfulness
continually preserve me.**

12 For evils without number have encompassed me.
My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see.
They are more than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails me.

13 Be pleased, O Yahweh, to deliver me.

O Yahweh, hurry to help me.

14 Let them be shamed and abashed altogether
who seek to take away my life.

**Let them be repulsed and humiliated
who desire my failure.**

15 Let them be appalled because of their shame,
those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!”

16 Let them rejoice and be glad in you,
all those who seek you.

Let them say continually, “Yahweh is great!”
—those who love your salvation.

17 But I am poor and needy.

Let my Lord consider me.

You are my help and my deliverer.

O my God, do not delay.

2 Chronicles 16:9 “For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro
throughout the earth

that He may strongly support

those whose heart is **completely** His.

- **Completely**

- **8003** שָׁלֵם [*shalem* /shaw·lame/] adj. From 7999; TWOT 2401d; GK 8969; 27 occurrences; AV translates as “perfect” 16 times, “whole” four times, “full” twice, “just” once, “peaceable” once, and translated miscellaneously three times. **1 complete, safe, peaceful, perfect, whole, full, at peace.** 1A complete. 1A1 full, perfect. 1A2 finished. 1B safe,

¹ W. Hall Harris III et al., eds., *The Lexham English Bible* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012), Ps 40:1–41:title.

unharméd. 1c peace (of covenant of peace, mind). 1c1 perfect, complete (of keeping covenant relation). 2

- **Jon Courson:** The eyes of the Lord are looking for men and women whose heart is perfect.

That doesn't mean flawless.

It means their hearts beat in harmony with God's, not relying upon themselves, but saying, "Lord, I'm depending on You." 3

- The third bridge we must cross for revival is faith in God—not faith in methods, nor in man, nor in a church, nor in a system, nor in an organization. **Revival requires faith in God.** 4

- **From an O.T. religious idea comes the notion of that only moral perfection is what God graces.**

- "Blameless" people are those who cannot be accused of wrongdoing before people or God.

Psalm 15:2. He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart. 5

Psalm 18:23 I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity.

Psalm 19:13 Keep back Your servant (David) also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

The New Testament

- **When applied to Christians, the quality of blamelessness is both:**
 - **a positional benefit of salvation**

² James Strong, *Enhanced Strong's Lexicon* (Woodside Bible Fellowship, 1995).

³ Jon Courson, *Jon Courson's Application Commentary: Volume One: Genesis–Job* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2005), 1181.

⁴ J. Vernon McGee, *Thru the Bible Commentary*, electronic ed., vol. 2 (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1997), 436.

⁵ *The Holy Bible: New International Version* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1984), Ps 15:2.

- **and a moral character to be achieved.**
 - Each person is worthy of accusation in the sight of God.
- This positional quality of blamelessness is not earned by personal gain, but imputed by the death and resurrection of Christ.

Colossians 1:21–22

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

22 in the body of His flesh through death,

to present you holy,

and blameless,

and above reproach in His sight!!

- **God's power and protection** ensure that the believer maintains a blameless status until the final judgment.

1 Corinthians 1:8 who will also confirm you to the end,

that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 24 Now to the one who is able to protect you from stumbling and make you to stand before his glory

blameless with exultation,

- **Blameless in your Praise of your God you have longed for**

God alone has the power and right to accuse the believer and pronounce condemnation, but through his grace and power he renders the believer blameless in his sight.

We have a responsibility:

Christians must "make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him".

2 Peter 3:14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, **make every effort** to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. ⁶

⁶ The Holy Bible: New International Version (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1984), 2 Pe 3:14.

Particularly in marriage:

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all,
and the marriage bed kept pure,
for God will judge the adulterer
and all the sexually immoral. ⁷

W. E. Vine, M. F. Unger, and W. White, Jr., *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*.

⁷ *The Holy Bible: New International Version* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1984), Heb 13:4.