

# Psalm 40:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

## Analysis

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The Hebrew *ashrei* (blessed) describes the deep contentment of one whose trust is exclusively in Yahweh. The contrast with 'the proud' and 'such as turn aside to lies' reveals two competing objects of trust: God's faithful character versus human arrogance and deception. This blessing comes not from circumstances but from the posture of the heart that looks to God alone for security and meaning.

## Historical Context

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David composed this psalm likely during a time of deliverance from enemies. The reference to 'proud' and 'lies' may allude to Saul's court or later enemies who relied on political scheming rather than divine guidance.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. What 'lies' does our culture turn aside to that compete with trusting God?
2. How does pride prevent us from experiencing the blessing of trusting in the LORD?

## Interlinear Text

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**Blessed** is that man **that maketh** the **LORD** **his trust**  
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**and respecteth** **not the proud** **nor such as turn aside** **to lies**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 34:8** (Faith): O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

**Psalms 125:5** (References Lord): As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

**Psalms 2:12** (Faith): Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

**Psalms 15:4** (References Lord): In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

**Jonah 2:8** (Parallel theme): They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

**Psalms 119:21** (Parallel theme): Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.